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Peace camp protesters must leave

A High Court judge has ordered women anti-nuclear campaigners to leave their "peace camp" at Greenham Common, near Newbury, Berkshire, where they have been protesting for eight months about plans to site cruise missiles there. Earlier, 22 protesters were arrested after a demonstration outside the Law Courts.

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Jenkins boosts Owen's chance

Mr Roy Jenkins praised Dr David Owen's performance in the Commons as the Social Democratic Party spokesman during the Falklands debates (Our Political Editor writes). Dr Owen's contributions has transformed him into a strong challenger for the party leadership Back page

Reardon through to seventh final

Ray Reardon of Wales, six times world snooker champion, has won through to his seventh final by beating Eddie Charlton of Australia 16-11 in the 31 frame semi-final at the Crucible theatre in Sheffield Page 18

Pretoria blamed

Namibian blacks are not afraid of Swapo guerrillas but they are petrified of the South African security forces, according to a report by the Southern African Catholic Bishops Conference.

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Space docking

Two Soviet cosmonauts boarded an orbiting space station as a first step to preparing it to receive a joint Soviet-French crew next month, Tass said. The spacecraft docked with the Salyut-7 station at 1136GMT.

Leaks decision

The Commons liaison select committee has decided that no formal action will be taken for the time being against newspapers which publish leaked select committee reports.

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Caning may end

A recent judgment in the European Court of Human Rights has led to an apparent acceptance by many head teachers in Britain that the days of caning are numbered.

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Power threat

Industrial action, short of a total stoppage, is looming in the electricity industry. Power union leaders believe a 7 per cent pay offer has been rejected in a secret ballot.

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Oil tax defended

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor, dismissed claims that oil taxes were discouraging North Sea development. He, conceded, however, that the off-shore oil construction industry was facing a difficult period Page 13

Connors injury



Jimmy Connors had to retire from the German championships when he twisted his ankle playing Andres Gomez of Ecuador. It will be fortnight before he can play again Page 18

Task force awaits go-ahead for Falklands landing

By Henry Stanhope, Defence Correspondent

● In Whitehall the expectation of a landing soon on the Falklands by British troops was growing after the latest series of consultations between the Government and its military advisers.

● At the United Nations, Senor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the Secretary-General, said he hoped to receive final answers within 36 hours from Britain and Argentina to his proposals

● At a meeting of Conservatives in Perth Mrs Thatcher denied that a "sell-out" was being contemplated. The Government would keep its military options open while trying to negotiate a settlement.

● In Moscow, Sir Curtis Keeble, the British Ambassador, was summoned to the Foreign Ministry and informed that the Soviet Union regarded Britain's exclusion zones in the South Atlantic as illegal interference with freedom on the high seas.

The expectation of an imminent British landing in the Falkland Islands was growing in Whitehall last night following the latest series of consultations between the Government and its military advisers.

Rear-Admiral John Woodward and his task force are understood to be ready and waiting for the order to move and to be confident of success.

The Government remains unlikely to give such an order at least until the results of the United Nations peace initiative are known, either tonight or early tomorrow.

But sources are not optimistic about the chances of a satisfactory outcome, and with Nato support for Britain still apparently sound, a landing is now the most favoured military option, with a blockade coming a very poor second.

Time is now said to be on Britain's side with the window of opportunity for Admiral Woodward and his men opening wider daily as more reinforcements trickle in after the 8,000-mile voyage from home.

"We are not yet at the stage of saying: 'We must act now'" according to one official who pointed out that the task force could remain in position for several more weeks if need be.

Moreover few if any supplies are believed to have got through to the 9,000-man Argentine garrison in the Falklands, only about 1,000 of whom are said to be seasoned troops, trained to endure the worsening Falklands winter on sparse rations and under continual harassment from the British task force.

There is said to be a 50-foot crater bisecting the Port Stanley runway after the British air raids.

But there is a growing feeling that the window of opportunity is already open wide enough far an assault to be contemplated sooner rather than later and that the preparations for such an option are well advanced.

The loss of three Sea Harriers last week is understood to have been made good by the reinforcements flown out from Britain, while a further 15 or 17 more are now not far behind the main task force in the container ship Atlantic Conveyor, ready to augment the force's air cover.

Meanwhile, those Sea Harriers already on HMS Hermes and Invincible are said to be on alert, avoiding any sorties which are not strictly necessary, in case they are needed to cover an assault force early next week.

It is understood that a British assault is most unlikely to be centred on the capital, Port Stanley, where four Argentine battalions are positioned, according to the Royal United Services Institute, and where casualties could be very high.

A fifth battalion is thought to be stationed at Port Darwin, taking in the defence of Goose Green airstrip which already has been bombed several times by British Vulcans and Sea Harriers. A sixth is in West Falkland; although the common assumption of 1,000 troops in the western island is now thought to be an underestimate.

With the 3,000 men of the 5th Infantry Brigade well behind in the Queen Elizabeth 2 the main assault troops available to Admiral Woodward consist of two commando units of the Royal Marines and one or two battalions of the Parachute Regiment, depending on whether the second has yet arrived, to give a total of fewer than 3,000.

But they have light artillery and Rapier anti-aircraft missiles with them and have the advantage of being able to choose their spot from one of many potential landing sites along the long Falklands coastline.

It is generally believed that an advanced party of the Royal Marines Special Boat Service and the Special Air Service has already been in the islands and to have reported back by radio to Admiral Woodward and his staff.

At least one of the Argentine navy's three submarines is believed to be in the area, probably hiding on the seabed, and the task force must feel uneasy about its suspected presence as they contemplate moving forward. Moreover, the Argentine air force already has shown itself capable of reaching the British ships from mainland bases, even if its bombers have had only partial success.

But the number of Argentine air-launched Exocet missiles like that which sank HMS Sheffield last week, is thought to be less than half a dozen, and attempts by the junta to procure more on the world arms market are understood so far to have been unsuccessful. (That in itself is one argument for organizing a landing in the near rather than the distant future.)

Moreover, the British Sea Harriers would mount a continuous screen around the task force during an amphibious landing.

Meanwhile, the difficult terrain in the islands should impede Argentine reinforcements if drafted from another part of East or West Falkland to help oppose the establishment of a British bridgehead.

There is certainly more confidence now than there was a short time ago that the task force is capable of securing at first part, then the whole, of the Falkland Islands witdhout suffering unacceptable casualties.



Landing exercise: British troops train on Ascension Island

Thatcher on 'only course left open'

By Our Political Editor

The Prime Minister warned Scottish Conservatives last night that a negotiated settlement with Argentina of the Falkland Islands dispute might prove unattainable. "The difficulties we face are formidable, but our determination to secure a just solution is relentless", she said.

Mrs Thacher was addressing the annual conference of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Paty in Perth at a time when she and her colleagues still had no indication from Sir Anthony Pasons, the British representative at the United Nations, that the Argentine Government has moved from its repeated if sometimes blurred public position that sovereignty of the Falklands belongs to Argntina and is not subject to negotiation.

The Prime Minister told her audience that she hoped the negotiations would succeed. "I do not want one more life lost in the South Atlantic, whether Argentine of British, if it can be avoided," she said.

"Of course we will continue to negotiate. We will go on doing all we humanly can to reach a peaceful settlement — a settlement in which the Argentines leave the islands they now unlawfully occupy.

"But I should not be doing my duty if I did not warn you in the simplest and clearest terms that, for all our efforts, those of Secretary Haig and those of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, a negotiated settlement may prove unattainable.

"Then we should have to turn to the only course left open to us, and that is why, as I have repeatedly said in the House of Commons, the Government has done nothing in its attempt to find a diplomatic solution which forecloses any military action now or any military option for the future."

The Prime Minister's speech shed no fresh light on the progress of the negotiations being conducted in New York by Señor Javier Perez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary-General, nor on the nature of the possible concessions by Britain which are being conditionally offered and of which Conservative MPs proved so apprehensive when the crisis was debated in the Commons in Thursday.

The inner group of Cabinet ministers who have been most closely concerned with the Falklands met for 90 minutes at 10 Downing Street yesterday morning. They again considered military dispositions in the South Atlantic and Sir Anthony Parsons' overnight report.

In spite of further signs of progress in some areas, their deliberations left them still unable to judge whether business can be done with Argentina.

Mrs Thatcher's words at Perth reflected this uncertainty, while showing apparent firmness of purpose. She repeated principles at stake, saying that the country's first duty was to the Falkland Islanders themselves.

"We must uphold their right to live their lives in their own way" she said.

"We must respect their loyalty, their freedom of choice, their independence of spirit.

But there are even larger issues at stake. The right to self-determination is enshrined in the United Nations Charter. If that right is weakened, small countries the world over will be at risk.

"Nor must aggression be seen to triumph.

"For aggression grows by feeding on example; and our men and ships now facing all the rigours of the South Atlantic in midwinter are there not only to secure the withdrawal of the Argentine troops from the territory which is not theirs, but also that others may mark and learn that land they take by force they shall not hold.

Moscow rebukes Britain

Moscow, May 14.—The Soviet Union told Britain officially today that its closure of sea lanes around the Falkland Islands was illegal interference with freedom of the high seas.

Tass, the official news agency, said the Soviet view was put to the British Ambassador, Sir Curtis Keeble, at the Soviet Foreign Ministry. The Soviet Union, the statement said, considers British warnings to keep ships out of the area "unacceptable and provocative".

"These actions clearly contradict the 1958 convention on the high sea and consequently are regarded by the Soviet side as unlawful." Britain had warned the Soviet Union several times to stay out of the closed zone but these warnings were "absolutely out of place".

They were intended to paint a false picture of Soviet involvement in the struggle of the Falkland Islands, Tass said. There were not the slightest grounds for such allegations and this was well known in London.— UPI.

● In London, the Foreign Office said a formal response was under study. "The total exclusion zone remains in operation. The zone is being enforced under our right to self defence under Article 51 of the UN Charter.

● Falkland Islanders should be granted full British citizenship, on a par with the Gibraltarians, as soon as the crisis ends, said Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP, secretary of the Parliamentary Committee for the Falklands.

One-year truce on EEC budget

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

The British Government is ready for a truce in its three-year fight to change the structure of the European Community's budget. The decision has been taken partly in order to maintain the willing support of Britain's partners in the European Community while the crisis over the Falkland Islands continues; and also so that the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary can concentrate their energies on the tortuous negotiations with Argentina.

A confidential letter was sent yesterday by Mr Francis Pym to Mr Gaston Thorn, the president of the European Commission, with Mrs Margaret Thatcher's approval, which indicates Britain's willingness to accept an extension for a further 12 months of the temporary arrangements agreed in Luxembourg in May, 1980, for paying Britain special rebates.

There are two conditions: first, that the rebate should be hefty enough to leave Britain making no more than the "modest net contribuion" to the Community in 1982 which ministers consider fair; second, that a binding promise should be given by the nine that the task of finding a permanent solution should be taken up again within a very few months and completed by the end of the year.

It may be that the conditions will not be met. The European Commission estimates that Britain would be liable to pay over £900m net in 1982 if no rebate is offered.

Brussels sources say that a rebate of some £450m has been suggested by the Commission in a letter received by Mr Pym this week. Although no figures are being revealed in London, Mr Pym's reply is believed to stipulate that this offer must be improved by some £200m more.

British ministers continue to insist that there can be no linking of Community decisions on the Falklands, and in particular the renewal of sanctions against Argentina by EEC members, with negotiations over the budget. They are confident that agreement will be reached either by permanent representatives meeting in Brussels today or by foreign ministers tomorrow to renew sanctions from Monday.

They maintain that Britain, as a victim of aggression, is receiving no more than the support that any other Community member would expect if so placed.

But several political considerations blur this formal distinction. The blocking last Tuesday by Mr Peter Walker, the Minister of Agriculture, of proposed farm price increases has caused much bad blood, not least with the French whose Prime Minister, M Pierre Mauroy, is meeting Mrs Thatcher in Edinburgh today. President Mitterrand will be in London on Monday.

The blocking has been the Government's favoured instrument for compelling permanent structural change in the budget. But ministers fear that it may have been blunted in any event by British Conservative MEPs,

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Chile offers ship to take injured

From Florence Varas Santiago, May 14

The Chilean Government has offered to send a ship to the Falklands to evacuate wounded Argentine soldiers and civilians to the South American continent, Senor Rene Rojas Galdames, the Chilean Foreign Minister, said. He added that this gesture, made within the context of Chilean neutrality in the crisis, already had received support in "very clear and positive" terms from the British Ambassador in Santiago.

The Foreign Minister insisted, however, that Chile "has never had the intention of playing the role of mediator in this crisis".

Unofficial sources said that the ship would only enter the war zone after agreement had been reached between Britain and Argentina to determine a safe route to the Falklands.

UN seeks to curtail 'endless talks'

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York, May 14

Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, today said he hoped to receive final responses from Britain and Argentina to his proposals for a diplomatic settlement to the Falklands crisis.

He made the remarks as an atmosphere of gloom prevailed in London, and Argentina prepared itself for a British military invasion of the islands. Señor Pérez de Cuéllar, looking neither encouraged nor despondent, said he never had in mind "endless negotiations", and the present stage of the exercise was a crucial and decisive one.

It appeared that the Secretary-General had not yet reached the conclusion that the prospects were indeed hopeless. He said: "Things are not too bad", the sides are much closer than when the exercise began, and there was hope that the difficulties could be ironed out.

Diplomatic sources said that following a basic agreement on the framework for a peaceful solution, the talks were now at their most difficult and arduous stage in terms of settling the intricate technical points, regarding provisions for a ceasefire, mutual withdrawal, an interim administration for the islands and guidelines for future negotiations on sovereignty.

Although the crucial issue of sovereignty did not have a direct role to play in the talks themselves, since the Secretary-General said this is something for the two parties to settle at a later date. It was nevertheless looming over the negotiations and threatened their breakdown.

The Secretary-General is expected to continue meeting with Sir Anthony Parsons, the British delegate, and Señor Enrique Ros, the Argentine Deputy Foreign Minister.

Emotional homecoming

Heroes' welcome for prisoners

From Christopher Thomas, Buenos Aires, May 14

An aged grey trooper carrier, the Pilto Alsina, brought 188 Argentine prisoners back to Buenos Aires today.

It entered jone of the many small attractive harbours in the city's precisely on time at 11 am. to be greeted by 1,500 relatives. The authorities lifted all the normal restrictions on journalists and members of the public so that they could witness the emotional homecoming.

The men, captured when British forces retook South Georgia on April 25, included 60 crewmen of the submarine Sante Fe and 39 scrap metal workers who had been dismantling an old whaling station.

They were flown from Ascension Island to Montevideo, Uruguay, in an aircraft chartered by the Red Cross and handed over to the Argentine authorities yesterday. As they left Carrasco Airport in four buses they gave the victory sign and shouted nationalist slogans

All of them seemed well, one young sailor who received tumultuous applause as he struggled down the gangplank on crutches into a sea of blue and white flags held aloft by nearly every spectator. He had a leg amputated after being wounded when the British attacked the submarine.

Trains hooted, masses of paper and streamers fell from tall office blocks nearby, and the crowd finally broke into a rendition of every verse of the national anthem.

The prisoners seemed to have been well briefed on what to say—at least three said the same thing: "They treated us like dogs. The food was terrible. We had to eat off the floor."

On the diplomatic front, attention was focused here tonight on the visit to Buenos Aires by General Vernon Walters, special envoy for Mr Alexander Haig, the United States Secretary of State. The general met all three junta members earlier this week.

It appears that his mission was an attempt to see how best to repair the damage done to Argentine-United States relations by Washington's support for Britain. Argentine Government sources say he was told that the only way to improve relations would be for the United States to end its support for Britain.

His visit was the first United States diplomatic gesture towards Argentina since the failure of the peace effort by Mr Haig.

Panorama man dropped after letter to Times

By Kenneth Gosling

Mr Robert Kee, the presenter of *Panorma*, has been dropped from next Monday's programme after his controversial letter to *The Times* yesterday commenting of the content of the edition earlier this week.

In a statement about next Monday's edition, which Mr Richard Lindsey will present, the BBC said Mr Kee had a meeting yesterday with Mr George Caarey, the editor of *Panorama*, but nothing had been resolved. There would be further talks. Mr Kee was appointed to *Panorama* on a year's contract last January.

In his letter to *The Times* he attacked last Monday's programme, in which he appeared, as "poor objective journalism".

The BBC statement also said that "the whole question is under consideration and we shall be talking to Robert Kee about his position in the light of the letter to *The Times*".

Mr Kee himself said yesterday: "I feel I would rather leave it at that for now".

Panorama is returning to the subject of the Falklands crisis next week and, the BBC said, "will present people's opinions on the military options".

● The Prince of Wales, without directly naming Argentina, yesterday attacked totalitarian regimes which "control the dissemination of information and grossly distort the facts to suit their opportunist requirements". He was speaking at Milton Keynes.

He added: "To add the final insult to injury they jam the broadcasts of those outside their borders who are transmitting what they know and fear to be the truth".

The Prince was receiving an honorary doctorate and opening a new BBC studio at the Open University.

Harrier jet plant strike threatened

British Aerospace production of Harrier and Hawk jets could be halted from Tuesday because of a threatened strike by the 1,700 workers at two of the corporation's main factories (Donald Macintyre writes).

Workers at the Kingston and Dunsfold plants in Surrey, who built the Sea Harriers serving with the Royal Navy task force in the South Atlantic, have been called out on what could be their first all-out stoppage for 30 years. The dispute in not expected to have any operational effect on task force requirement.

Talks are to be held on Monday to avert the strike which comes after union rejection of a 5 per cent pay offer tied to changes in the incentive system.

Parole chief to address meeting

Lord Harris of Greenwich, chairman of the Parole Board, will speak at a senior probation officers' conference in Leicestershire, in place of Mr Roy Hattersley, Opposition spokesman on Home Affairs, and Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Warwickshire, who changed their minds about taking part after pressure from the National Association of Probation Officers (Napo).

The senior officers formed a breakaway organization after complaining that Napo was too dogmatic, too left-wing and did not represent them properly.

Beetles found

Two Colorado beetles were found yesterday in consignments of Italian parsley at Inverness as the Ministry of Agriculture announced a relaxation of an import ban on Italian produce imposed after an earlier beetle alert.

Boards go

The Government laid orders before Parliament yesterday winding up eight of the 16 industrial boards which it said in November would go. The remaining orders should be laid down in the next few weeks.

Bridge too near

Four balloonists who allegedly flew too close to the Humber Bridge while crossing the Humber last autumn are to be prosecuted by the Civil Aviation Authority.

Diphtheria alert

More than 320 patients and staff at Hanham Hall hospital, Bristol, are undergoing tests after confirmation that one of the patients, a man aged 58, is a diphtheria carrier.

News choice

Peter Sissons, the Independent Television news presenter, and Sarah Hogg, economics editor of *The Sunday Times* will present the one-hour news and analysis programme which ITN will provide for channel 4, the new television channel, this autumn.



Head teachers soften their view on caning

By Lucy Hodges

Head teachers have softened their views on corporal punishment in schools since the European Court of Human Rights judgment declared that it was unlawful to cane children against their parents' wishes. They seem to accept that the end of caning is in sight.

The National Association of Head Teachers, which has 21,500 members, will debate a motion at its conference next month which accepts that the European judgment will lead to the abolition of the cane. It emphasizes the importance of looking at alternative ways of maintaining discipline in schools.

The move comes as several unions are changing their position. The National Union of Teachers astonished the education world by voting for the end of caning and members of the Secondary Heads Association, with 3,500 members, have been told by their legal adviser not to cane pupils whose parents oppose corporal punishment.

The Government's law officers under the direction of Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, are understood to be studying the implications of the European court judgment. When they have considered the matter, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, is expected to explain what the Government intends to do.

Sir Keith, strongly supported by Mr Rhodes Boyson, the minister responsible for schools, is thought to favour retention of the cane where parents want it. However he is going to find it virtually impossible not to phase it out, if only because of what has happened in Scotland, when in February this year, hours before the judgment of the European court, Sir George Younger, the Scottish Secretary, issued unilaterally a circular which said that all Scottish schools should phase out the belt by July 1984.

It is going to be difficult for English and Welsh schools to continue to use the cane after that period. There are more cases alleging a contravention of the European Convention on Human Rights lodged in Strasbourg which go to the central question of whether beating is inhuman and degrading.

Those will take several more years to process but the United Kingdom government is unlikely to emerge unscathed, particularly as it is the only European country to officially retain beating in schools.

Homeless 'being abandoned'

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Government was yesterday accused of abandoning the growing numbers of homeless people by deciding not to extend their legal rights after a review lasting more than three years. The Joint Charities Group, comprising 17 *housing charities*, said it was staggering that the Government had turned its back on official figures showing a record number of homeless people approaching councils for help.

The group's statement came after the announcement by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, that the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 is to remain unchanged after an official review, although the Government is soon to start a consultation process in order to "tighten" the Act's code of guidance.

The Department of the Environment said yesterday that *this owed more to* operational difficulties than to pressure from some Conservative councils which say it places unfair burdens on them. But the group believes that it will make it more difficult for some homeless groupings, particularly those judged to be "intentionally homeless". Mr Nicholas Raynsford, director of the Shelter Housing Aid Centre, pointed out yesterday that the number of people applying to local councils for help who had been declared "intentionally homeless" had increased by 83 per cent in the past two years. He said the department had declined to produce a detailed breakdown of the figures, but he was convinced they concealed wide variations across the country.

"The code is likely to be changed to allow councils to refuse help to more homeless people".

Sogat takes hard line on Tebbit laws

By Paul Routledge
Labour Editor

Leaders of the largest printworkers' union, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades (Sogat), are pressing for automatic expulsion from the TUC of any union that takes advantage of the forthcoming Employment Act.

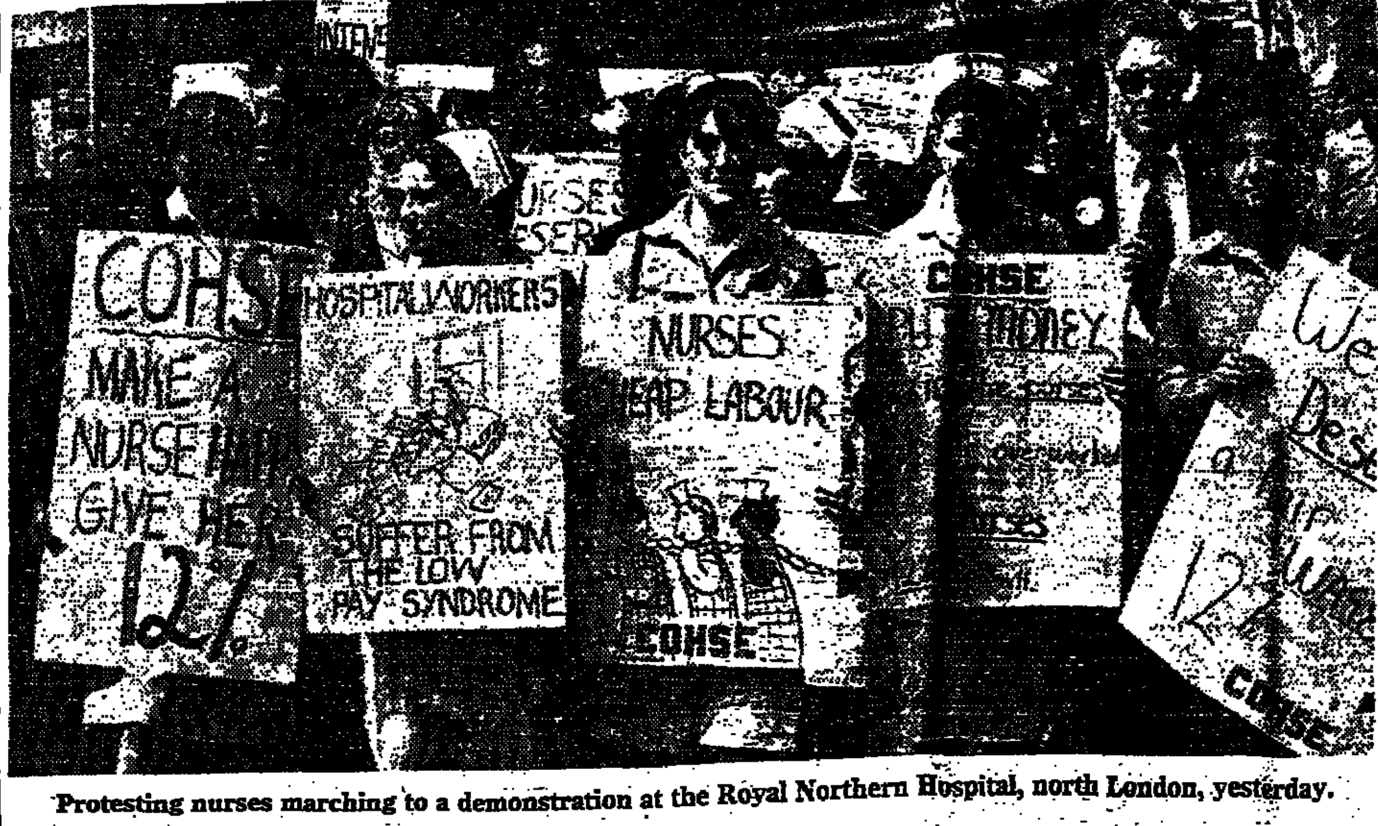
The national executive of Sogat, which has 197,000 members, has tabled a motion for the union's policy-making conference next week that calls on all unions affiliated to the TUC "not to cooperate with any aspect of Tebbit's Employment Act on penalty of exclusion".

Sogat leaders also propose a boycott of the labour law reforms being introduced by Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, and a political commitment on behalf of the Labour Party to agree in advance of the next general election "details of legislation effective upon labour".

Mr William Keys, the union's general secretary, is chairman of the TUC Employment Policy and Organization Committee, which is coordinating the labour movement's *campaign* to make the new law unworkable. That body meets next Wednesday to complete plans for June 10 — "Union Day" — when a large propaganda effort will be launched against the legislation.

Riding man fined

Gerald Rickman, of West Beams Treking Centre, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, was fined £980 and banned from holding a riding establishment licence for four years, at Lymington, yesterday, after admitting 49 charges relating to the Riding Establishment Act.



Protesting nurses marching to a demonstration at the Royal Northern Hospital, north London, yesterday.

Three-day NHS strike urged

A call for a national three-day strike by London health service workers belonging to the National Union of Public Employees is being *considered* by the union's national executive (Felicity Jones writes).

A meeting of branch secretaries and shop stewards representing 1,100 London branches recommended on Thrusday that the *TUC health services committee* should initiate the strike to back their 12 per cent claim.

The call has to be approved by Nupe's national executive before being put forward for consideration by all health service unions, but it reflects the most militant mood in the pay dispute thus far.

Around the country unions are reporting a *positive* response to the call for a one-day strike next week. One union officer said there was an astonishing degree of cooperation between the different health unions at local level.

Hospitals in the North were once again the scene of disruptive action yesterday. York District General Hospital was reduced to an accident and emergency service when all grade of Nupe staff responded to a one-day strike call.

More than 500 striking ancillary workers from four unions affected non-emergency services at Arrowe Park Hospital, Wirral, which was opened by the Queen last week, and hospital administrators said the action had led to the postponement of routine admissions.

● The Society of Radiographers is to ballot its 10,000 members about taking industrial action over the 6.4 per cent pay rise they have been offered (the Press Association reports). The Society has advised members to cooperate with other health service unions.

Mentally ill patients face picket line

Continuing our series of reports on the industrial action in the health service, Jeannette Mitchell looks at the effects on Oakwood Hospital, a large psychiatric hospital in Maidstone, Kent.

Sixty-four mentally ill patients who live at home and attend Oakwood as day patients faced a picket line when they arrived for therapy yesterday.

Nurses and cleaners, who are members of the Confederation of Health Service Employers (Cohse), mounted the picket line to back a two-hour stoppage by ambulance staff in the Maidstone district, in support of their 12 per cent pay claim.

Hospital administrators were given no warning of the strike, which also prevented elderly patients reaching a geriatric day hospital near by, because the ambulance drivers wanted to prevent alternative forms of transport being used. Emergencies and cancer patients were not affected.

While supporting the ambulance drivers, the main strategy of the 500 nurses and domestics at the hospital, which has 900 beds, is a "withdrawal of goodwill". This action is costing the NHS more than the 12 per cent pay increase they are claiming, according to confederation officials.

The hospital workers' refusal to cover short-staffed wards is costing the hospitals between £2,000 and £3,000 a week in overtime payments for the extra staff needed, the union estimates.

Mr Allen Reilly, a nurse in the hospital's secure unit and union branch secretary, said: "We went through all the possible forms of action, and looked at who would be affected. If it was the staff or patients, we rejected it. We want to hit the management, particularly financially."

Mr Lionel Underdown, a porter and branch chairman whose basic take home pay is £47 a week, said he was able to supplement his income by £20 through working the extra overtime needed because of the work to rule.

Although the union insists that services to patients already on the hospital will not be reduced, they have stopped the "informal" admission of around 20 patients a week. Patients who are a danger to themselves or to others continue to be admitted.

Nurses at Oakwood, who have a tradition of trade unionism dating back to the time when the hospital was an asylum, intend to join ancillary staff in the 24-hour national strike next Wednesday. One trained nurse will be left on every ward.

Their determination to step up the action has been strengthened by the announcement of the wage awards to top civil servants and judges. Mr Reilly said: "The judges have got 18 per cent, we want the same pay rise as the police, Army and firemen. We feel very bitter that the Government is forcing us into industrial action."

The staff say they have become more prepared to take strike action since they received the circular from the district personnel officer, threatening to deduct pay where staff carry our "restricted duties".

Mr John Stevenson, the district administrator, who is openly sympathetic to the union's pay claim, says the letter was sent out because the Maidstone District Health Authority have adopted the Government's guidelines on industrial action contained in the circular *H industrial relations break down*.

Moderates win Labour tussle

From Our Correspondent, Manchester

Moderates have won control of Manchester City Council after an internal battle with the left wing in *the controlling Labour group*. Labour retained its hold on the council by winning 69 of the 99 seats in last week's municipal elections and then faced a power struggle between the two factions.

At the end of a five-hour private meeting, Mr Bill Egerton, emerged to say that he had beaten a challenge from Mr Graham Stringer, chairman of the left-wing dominated city Labour Party *to become the new council leader.*

Mr Ken Collis, his deputy, is also a moderate, and the faction captured the seats on important policy committee. The first result of the moderate victory will be the retention of the office of Lord Mayor which the city Labour Party, in its election manifesto, had pledged to end. Mr Clifford Tomlinson will proposed as the next Lord Mayor.

● The new Labour administration in Islington, London, has decided to fly the red flag over the town hall. Council officials have been instructed to order a red flag at a cost of £50.

Until last week's elections, Islington was the only council in Britain controlled by the Social Democratic Party. *Only one SDP councillor was* reelected and the other 51 councillors are all Labour. Mrs Margaret Hodge, the council's new Labour leader described the decision to hoist the red flag as a symbolic gesture.

She said: "We want the people of Islington to know that they have a socialist council. It will help them forget the disastrous few months when the borough fell into the hands of the Social Democrats."

● The Conservatives, who have run Richmond Borough Council since 1965, want to retain control although in last week's elections they won only 26 seats, the same number as the Liberal-SDP Alliance group.

The Alliance had suggested it should virtually run the council by taking all committee chairmanships with a new Conservative mayor having a casting vote and the power of veto.

Yesterday Mr Kim Morell, reelected as Conservative leader, told Mr David Williams, the opposition leader, that the proposal had been rejected. He offered instead the chairs of two committees.

The Alliance members meet privately tomorrow and the Conservatives meet again on Monday, but the issue will not be resolved until the council's first meeting on Tuesday.

The Conservatives have nominated Mrs June Robinson as he new mayor and as the present Conservative mayor, Mr John Lambeth, is still in office, although not a council member, his casting vote will ensure Mrs Robinson's election.

Sale room

Shortage of buyers

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The shortage of purchasing power in the art market made itself felt in London, Geneva, New York and Amsterdam over the past two days. Christie's and Sotheby's sales, whatever the venue, scored a high proportion of unsold lots.

Christie's completed its main spring run of jewel sales in Geneva on Thursday, over six sessions, with more than one third left unsold. Nevertheless, an emerald-cut diamond ring, the stone weighing 12.62 carats, made the top price of 319,000 Swiss francs (estimate 260,000 frs) or £89,606.

In London Sotheby's was struggling with a sale of English oak furniture yesterday, particularly with the less expensive lots. Where a price of £200 to £300 was looked for, the auctioneer could not interest dealers at £50 to £60. You could have had a field day furnishing your house.

Further up the scale, there was a mid-seventeenth century Flemish oak cupboard estimated at £2,000 to £3,000 but no one bothered to bid it over the £1,000 mark; it was bought in at £800. The top price was £4,950 (estimate £5,000 to £7,000) bid by L. Stanton for a rare set of nine James II oak dining chairs. The star piece, a Henry VIII finely carved aumbry (or chest), was unsold at £3,680 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000).

At Christie's a middle-quality sale of fine English pictures suffered a similar *fate with 29 per cent unsold.*

In Holland on Thursday Sotheby Mak van Waay offered the fourth and last part of the collection of Dutch tiles formed by Willem de Heer F. Leerink but 24 per *cent was unsold. Two* seventeenth-century tiles, which make a picture of a tulip and its stem, after a watercolour by Judith Leyster, secured the top price at 12,992 guilders (estimate 12,000 to 15,000) or £2,824.

A Dutch sale of fine European porcelain (28 per cent unsold) included a Ludwigsburg tea and coffee service decorated with landscapes and dating from the late eighteenth century at 39,440 guilders (estimate 20,000 to 25,000) or £8,574. A Dutch sale of virtu was 40 per cent unsold.

In New York Sotheby's completed a six-session sale of *modern prints* on Thursday but again 28 per cent was unsold. The contemporary did rather better than the nineteenth and early twentieth century. The best of the Lautrec lithographs ("Le Jockey") was unsold but "Eldorado" made $25,300 (estimate $18,000 to $22,000) or £13,675.

John and William Carson, two of the freed men

'Supergrass' retracts

Six West Belfast men were freed yesterday when charges involving conspiracy to murder and falsely imprisoning an IRA "supergrass" were withdrawn.

It is understood that the *chief Crown witness* has retracted statements he made which allegedly implicated the six men.

The six men freed were: Robert Loan, aged 37, of Glenalina Park; Patrick Mulholland, aged 30, of Whitecliffe Crescent, who had been charged with conspiring to murder Mr O'Hare; Bernard McReynolds, aged 32, of Ballymurphy Drive; John Carson, aged 24, of New Barnsley Park; Sean Cahill, aged 18, of Ballymurphy Drive; and William Carson, aged 22, of New Barnsley Crescent, who had faced charges of falsely imprisoning O'Hare and having a handgun.

● Fears of increased sectarian murders increased in Northern Ireland last night when a Roman Catholic youth was fired at from a car near Middletown. He was not seriously injured (Tim Jones writes).

According to police sources the youth, aged 18, was not associated with any paramilitary organization.

● Mr Justice Hutton, a judge from Northern Ireland, is expected to sit in court in Dublin in the near future to hear evidence in the case of a man accused in connexion with the murders of Sir Norman Stronge and his son James in January last year (Our Dublin Correspondent writes): It will be the first time a Northern Ireland judge has sat in a court in the republic. The defendant, Owen McCann Smyth, aged 29, from Managhan, is accused of counselling and procuring others to murder the Stronges at their home.

Top equestrians speak up for fox hunting

By Hugh Clayton

Two of Britain's horse-riding champions who are also keen hunt members, yesterday joined the growing campaign to save many field sports from legal bans. Mr Richard Meade, holder of three Olympic gold medals from equestrian events, said: "I have hunted all my riding life and can think of no better way of getting my horses to enjoy going across country."

Mr David Broome, a former world show-jumping champion who is now joint master of the Curre fox hounds, said: "Fox hunting is a very important part of life in the countryside. We must make sure it continues."

The British Equestrian Federation, an umbrella organization for the British Horse Society, British Show-Jumping Association and the Pony Club, said: "*It is known* from experience that the skill and success of our riders in equestrian competitions is largely based on techniques learnt in the hunting field.

Their remarks were made in *response to an appeal from* hunting organizations for help in countering growing pressure against coursing and many types of hunting. Opponents of hunting are convinced that the next Labour general election manifesto will include a commitment to ban many types of hunting.

Science report

When it pays for the stars to be slim

By the Staff of "Nature"

The enigmatic star Eta Carinae is nearing the end of its life, astronomers say, and when it dies it will suffer an enormous supernova explosion, making it visible even in daylight for a few weeks.

Eta Carinae is the biggest star in our galaxy, and big stars burn fast. Whereas our own Sun might last another 5,000 million years, a star like Eta Carinae, — 100 times heavier — should live only two million years from birth to death. With stars as with people, it pays to be slim.

The question with Eta Carinae, however, is at what stage are we viewing it — just after its birth, or close to its death?

Dr Kris Davidson, of the University of Minnesota, and Dr Nolan Walborn, of the Cerro-Tololo Inter-American Observatory in Chile, have collected evidence that Eta Carinae is close to its death throes. When it does blow up, it should dominate the sky even though it is 9,000 light years away from us.

Eta Carinae is surrounded by a cloud of dust and gas that appears to have been ejected by the star, some of it during an earlier explosion in the nineteenth century, and it is this very obscuring dust that has told Dr Davidson and Dr Walborn that Eta Carinae is well into its development.

Observation with the International Ultraviolet Explorer satellite, and with two large telescopes on the ground, has shown that the gas and dust are rich in nitrogen and depleted in carbon and oxygen. According to the standard models of stellar development, a star with such a composition must be running out of fuel.

However, amateur astronomers should not begin camping out in the garden yet. For one thing, the star is visible only from the southern hemisphere. And for another, there are inevitable uncertainties in the measurements. The star could blow up any time in the next 10,000 years, as astronomers say.

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The hidden sadness of woodlands' beauty

From John Young, Henley-on-Thames

At this time of year, and in idyllic weather, the beech woods of the Chilterns are at their loveliest. But their beauty masks the sad fact that thousands of the trees, planted in the early part of the last century, are dying from old age and need to be replaced.

Yesterday members of the Royal Forestry Society held their centenary meeting in the woodlands of the Stonor estate. In dappled glades they sat on fallen trunks, discussing how to reconcile the economics of modern forestry with the wish to preserve one of England's loveliest landscapes.

An overall plan for the Chilterns was first produced in 1971, by Sir Ralph Verney, now chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council. It calls for all woods to be managed in such a way as to perpetuate a broad-leafed forest and emphasized that felling should be phased and limited to minimize the loss of visual amenities.

The report was generally welcomed by landowners as balanced and sensible. But 11 years on, many feel their motives for felling are still misunderstood and the public does not appreciate how decrepit some of the older trees are.

Mr Esmond Harris, the society's director said: "they are just too old and something has to be done. But, of course, the public hates it being done."

Mr Roderick Hewitt, conservator to the Forestry Commission, believes that most of the larger estates are now being properly managed. But there are still 3,500 hectares in small and scattered ownership which, he said, are at risk from trees becoming over-mature and needing to be felled.

Baron von Maltzahn, an Oxfordshire landowner and county councillor, said yesterday that when British forestry, after years of neglect, was at last regaining a professional attitude, it should be left to professionals and not to local authority planners.

"Local politics must be kept out of it," he said. "It is no good talking about amenity if at the end of the day you end up with dead woods".

But Mr John Workman, another landowner, and principal forestry consultant to the National Trust, said they could not afford to ignore the planners. Until the public had total confidence in the forestry service, as they did in some other parts of Europe, there would be a need for compromise.

● More state grants to farmers are to be used to protect wildlife and the landscape, Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday (Our Government Correspondent writes). "We are giving substantial sums in order to see that tree-planting and skyline and colour aspects are being taken fully into account."

Speaking at the Country Landowners' Association in London, he rejected claims that the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 encouraged the destruction of important habitats by intensive farming. Only a small fraction of changes to the landscape notified by farmers to government conservation agencies had failed to gain approval.

GLC appoints ecologist

By Tony Samstag

The Greater London Council is to appoint a senior ecologist at a salary of between £15,792 and £17,388 a year.

Dr David Goode, aged 41, assistant chief scientist with the Nature Conservancy Ccl, with which he has been associated for 15 years, will take up the post in July.

His 610 square mile area encompasses derelict land sites, disused railway lines and canals, dumps and reservoirs.

There is, for example, a tiny parcel of land not far from Buckingham Palace that Dr Goode thinks would make a perfect hay meadow. He suggests that there are patches of woodland, particularly in and around north London, that are remnants of the original primeval forest cover and could be similarly managed into a semblance of their pristine state.

Dr Goode sees his appointment as "a sort of ecological evolution from a focus on wildlife to the realization that people are important, too".

Overseas selling prices

(small-print list of overseas prices)

Science report
When it pays for the stars to be slim

White-collar rail staff threaten action on job cuts

White-collar rail workers are preparing to take industrial action in an attempt to defeat plans to shut two British Rail engineering workshops and partly close a third.

The 420 delegates at the annual conference of the Transport Salaried Staffs Association (TSSA) in Bournemouth voted unanimously yesterday for an emergency motion giving union leaders power to take whatever action is needed.

The association is the first rail union to receive backing from members for tough action over the possible loss of 5,000 jobs.

The delegates, representing 67,000 members voted for "appropriate industrial action" to oppose the planned closures of workshops at Horwich, near Bolton, Greater Manchester and Shildon, Durham, and the part closure at Swindon, Wiltshire. They deplored the closure proposals and instructed their executive to prevent work capable of being undertaken in British Rail Workshops being given to private industry.

Afterwards Mr Tom Jenkins, the association's general secretary, said: "we can easily cripple British Rail by ordering our members in charge of computers, controlling movements of traffic and of signal boxes, to stop work. No work would take place without supervision.

"But it is the last thing we want to do, especially because at the moment British Rail has no money.

Mr Trevor Leese, from Horwich, told delegates: "It is not just jobs but the prosperity and future of whole communities. Railway workers have reached the end of their tether, and are not prepared to see their fine industry deteriorate without a fight."

On Thursday night another rail union leader, Mr Sidney Weighell, of the National Union of Railwaymen, predicted that a dispute was about to erupt over British Rail's plans to shed the jobs. He told an audience at Shildon that British Rail had three weeks to make progress in "sensible talks".

Moderate attacks Employment Bill

● Mr Kenneth Thomas, a moderate who retires at the end of the month as general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) said yesterday that he was prepared to go to prison over the Government's proposed employment legislation.

He is the first moderate to declare publicly his readiness to go to jail over the Employment Bill.

So far such defiance has come only from hardline militants.

Mr Thomas told the CPSA conference in Brighton that under the proposed law any union could be taken to court by any "crackpot" who wanted to claim damages of up to £250,000. "I hope I am not indulging in bravado, but if this situation crops up I hope we in the CPSA will just refuse to pay.

The conference carried unanimously a resolution giving unqualified support to the TUC's campaign against the Bill.

● The 100,000-strong Society of Civil and Public Servants, usually a left-wing union, yesterday came out decidedly against unilateral disarmament. It voted by a substantial majority at its annual conference at Southport to support multilateral disarmament.

Nuclear power objectors ask for more time

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

An appeal to postpone the public inquiry into plans to build an American type of pressurized water reactor (PWR) nuclear power station in Britain was made today by the Town and Country Planning Association. The association is leading one of the main groups of objectors to the scheme.

In a letter to Sir Frank Layfield, QC, the government inspector appointed for the hearing next January, the association says there is insufficient time for the necessary preparatory research work to be completed before the inquiry starts.

The letter from Mr David Hall, the association's director, comes after the publication of plans for building a PWR to be known as the Sizewell B station, on the Suffolk coast near Leiston. The plans published by the Central Electricity Generating Board in a 25-volume report.

The association is also lending its weight to appeals for funds to finance objections. Mr Hall says "the enormous imbalance that exists between the resources available to the proponents and those available to objectors is a matter of concern. If adequate resources are not available, the whole inquiry process will lose credibility in the public mind because the debate will be seen to be biased."

The association estimates the costs of its own research and representation at between £170,000 to £180,000. Discussions are being held between the Town and Country Planning Association and several local authorities for a cooperative fund for the inquiry.

On the assumption that the inquiry will be the only one which deals with all the general aspects of nuclear energy and safety, and that future ones would just deal with sites, the association is offering to conduct a generic research study to be shared by all contributors.



A protester being removed from outside the Law Courts in London yesterday during a demonstration against the siting of cruise missiles in Britain

£20m heroin gang jailed

Ahmet Bekir, a Cypriot company director who was *behind a £20m heroin smuggling* operation, was jailed by the Central Criminal Court yesterday for 12 years. Six members of his gang including his brother, were sentenced for conspiracy or drugs possession.

Bekir, aged 43, smiled when he heard that he would serve the sentence concurrently with a 14-year-old term passed at the court in January for drugs offences.

Judge Underhill, QC, said Bekir played the leading role in an international drugs gang. But he suffered from a medical condition after a road accident in Turkey.

Bekir, of Warwick House, Portland Rise, Finsbury Park, north London who *owns a Rolls-Royce*, was convicted after a three-month trial.

The Judge told the seven: "I hardly need to stress the gravity of the offences. The injury that accrues to society in terms of damage to health and happiness, and indeed life, is considerable."

Mt Alistair Hill, QC, for the prosecution, said Bekir masterminded two smuggling operations, using his pickle factory as a cover. The first concerned the import of heroin valued at £3m at Heathrow airport fom which he was sentenced to 14 years.

Then Bekir began paying drivers to take large and expensive cars to Turkey or Amsterdam, where secret compartments for heroin were welded in.

Customs in an operation codenamed Can Opener cut open a Rover at Dover and found heroin valued at £5,500,000. That led to yesterday's sentences.

The custom team of 40 under Mr Anthony Brugts, which broke up the gang after an 18 month inquiry, were praised by the judge.

Others sentenced were: Sedal Sonmez, aged 22, shopkeeper, of Shandy Street, Stepney; Halluma, aged 27, susago maker, of Granville Road, Finsbury Park, (nine years each); Ibrahim Mustafa, aged 56, lorry driver, of Lilford Road, Camberwell; and Sedal Karalepe, aged 22, cafe worker, of Clissold Road, Stoke Newington (six years each); and Hilme Mustakalli, aged 25 factory worker, of Gabriel Street Forest Hill, (four years).

Domestic court reform 'came too late'

From Frances Gibb, Bournemouth

The long delay in the reform of matrimonial proceedings in magistrates' courts was to blame for their present lack of use by the public, Sir John Arnold, President of the Family Division in the High Court, said yesterday.

He told the annual conference of the Justices' Clerks' Society in Bournemouth that there was concern that magistrates' courts were not being used for domestic proceedings as much as had been hoped with the passing of the Domestic Proceedings (Magistrates' Courts) Act last year.

People preferred instead to use the divorce courts, in other words county courts and the High Court, he said.

One reason was that the Act had come in 10 years after similar reforms of proceedings in those courts.

"That time lag is inexcusable. It must have had its effect and although to a very large extent the two jurisdictions [of the magistrates' court and other courts] now proceed on comparable lines, there is a great deal of lost ground to be recovered."

During the 1970s county courts and the High Court were operating a "more modern, more useful and more humane regime based upon family need" while magistrates' courts were administering the old law based on matrimonial tort and crime.

The public's preference for divorce courts over domestic courts may have added to the depressingly large rise in the divorce statistics in the relevant period, he said.

Many matrimonial proceedings in the county court could not go ahead in the absence of a petition for some sort of matrimonial relief. It was impossible to say how many of those petitions could be attributed to that factor but it was not negligible. Magistrates' courts had an important role.

He urged that in future any reforms of the magistrate's jurisdiction should be made alongside those of other courts."

● The Government has decided to make it easier for people on remand before magistrates courts to appeal against refusal of bail.

At present, criminal legal aid is not available if people apply through the Crown Office to a High Court judge. People without money enough to employ a solicitor privately have to apply to the High Court through the Official Solicitor.

The Law Society has described the arrangement as "unsatisfactory". Objections by the police to bail are not communicated to the defendant but direct to the Official Solicitor. The defendant is neither present nor represented and so has no opportunity to respond to objections of which he may be entirely ignorant.

MPs rule out action after 'Times' leaks

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The chairmen of Commons select committees have decided that no formal action should be taken, for the moment, against newspapers publishing leaks of their reports.

A private meeting of the liaison select committee was asked to review the matter on Thursday after leakages to *The Times*, which has given details of select committee reports in advance of official Commons publication.

A confidential memorandum, headed "the premature disclosure of committee papers", suggested among other things: "It might be appropriate when the next flagrant case arises to seek to refer the case to the committee of privileges."

That proposal was disclosed in *The Times* in Thursday, a leak which itself could have attracted a complaint to the committee. The senior MPs on the committee decided, however, that it was foolish to make any immediate complaint.

On the last occasion on which a journalist was reported to the House for a blatant contempt of Parliament for publishing confidential details of a select committee deliberation it was recommended that both the offending journalist and the editor should be barred from the precincts of the Palace of Westminster for six months. The Commons rejected that recommendation.

It was agreed at Thursday's meeting of committee chairmen that there was a *distinction between newspapers* giving "pointers" in advance to the content of future select committee reports and giving accurate quotations, chapter and verse, from reports which had not even been printed, which is what *The Times* did. Although some of the chairmen at the meeting spoke of the need for punitive action as a deterrent, it is understood that other, less drastic, solutions were preferred.

The commitee chairmen have been asked to address the MPs belonging to their committees, in the severest terms, warning them against the leakage of information to journalists. Similar warnings will undoubtedly be delivered to advisers, clerks and secretaries who service the committee network.

But the more realistic members of the liaison committee accept that leaks must remain a fact of life at Westminster, and that the time to worry is when journalists cease to take an interest in their activities.

School dispute

A lengthy dispute between Lincolnshire County Council and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of *Women Teachers* over a circular asking head teachers to report staff who refused duties has ended and the circular withdrawn.

Coffin film with body 'misjudged'

Mr Ronald Beaney, an unemployed art teacher, was found drowned with a surrealist home movie he had made of a boy in a coffin, an inquest was told today.

Mr Rodney Corner, Coroner for North Buckinghamshire, was told that Mr Beaney, aged 35, of Ransome Avenue, Milton Keynes, had been discovered in the Grand Union Canal on March 25. He had not been seen alive for 20 days.

At the time he was found with the film, the police and press described the home movie as "macabre", but its meaning had been misinterpreted, the inquest was told by Mr Roy Nevitt, a drama teacher, of Church Street, Stony Stratford, Buckinghamshire, who had known Mr Beaney since 1967.

The police believed a scene featuring a made-up boy in a coffin might have been Mr Beaney, but Mr Nevitt said it was shot in 1969 in the United States and involved children at a summer camp which Mr Beaney had been running. They would have helped him with ideas for the film, he said.

Mr Corner, who recorded a verdict of misadventure, said there was insufficient evidence to suggest that Mr Beaney had commited suicide.

"The only other explanation is that he might have jumped on to the parapet, lost his balance and fallen off."

BBC told to hand over film

Lord Mayfield, in the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday, ordered the BBC to hand over a 60-minute documentary film of a singing tour of the Highlands by Calum Kennedy, the Gaelic singing star.

But he granted the BBC leave to appeal against his decision. When the BBC lodges its appeal, the order to hand over the film will be suspended pending a further hearing.

In March Lord Wylie granted a court order banning the BBC showing the film *Calum Kennedy's Commando Course*, after the singer said he thought it was going to be "a send up" of him and of Gaelic culture and not a serious documentary.

Mr Ronald Maclean, QC, for Mr Kennedy, said it was not simply a question of whether it was defamatory, but whether or not there was breach of contract.

Mr Kennedy's anxiety was that his reputation as a singer would be damaged. The film had not been shown because of the court ordr, but the inference of an advertisement in the Radio Times was that it would be damaging to his reputation.

Mr William Prosser, QC, for the BBC, argued that if Mr Kennedy was allowed to see the film it would mean that everyone who had an interview and got the feeling he was not being taken seriously could then come to court and get publication stopped.

Cyclists join objectors to Stansted

Cycling clubs yesterday joined the long procession of *objectors to the proposed* development of London's third airport at Stansted in Essex (Hugh Clayton writes). Mr George Restell, general secretary of the university Cycling Club, said: "We like to be able to potter around these delightful lanes."

He was speaking on the 116th day of the £1m public inquiry into the expansion of Stansted into an airport with half the present capacity of Heathrow. Mr Arthur Cook, a former president of the Lea Valley Club, said: "I understand that the noise levels at our hut would be likely to increase substantially."

Mr Restell said his club of 46 members would lose its best rural racing circuit if Stansted were enlarged, and Mr Cook said several clubs opposed the airport because of "loss of or great inconvenience to competitive cycling sport".

Obscene books publisher jailed

Ian Christopher Gold, aged 34, of Lubbock Road, Chislehurst, Kent, was jailed for a total of 12 months with fines of £16,750 in a series of pornography trials which ended at Middlesex Crown Court yesterday.

Gold, *manging director of* the publishers and distributors David Gold and Son Holdings Ltd., was convicted of sending indecent books, magazines and brochures, through the post and having obscene books for publication for gain. The company was fined £15,000 and Q Centaur Ltd, the company's mail order business, was fined £11,750.

Grade's son is acquitted

Paul Grade, aged 29, son of Lord Grade, was acquitted at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of stealing a woman's handbag two years ago after the prosecution offered no evidence "in the interests of justice." Mr Grade, of Stretford Court, Worple Road, Wimbledon, south-west London, was granted defence costs.

Doctor released

The Court of Appeal yesterday directed the immediate release of Dr Wilegodawickrowage Silva from Ford Open Prison, Arundel, West Sussex, after patients in North Kensington, London, pleaded that they could not manage without him. He was jailed for 18 months for forgery.

Theft sentence

Mr Albert Sykes, aged 59, a former magistrate and shopping centre general manager, of Pirton, Hertfordshire, was given a two-year prison sentence, suspended for 18 *months, at Bedford Crown* Court yesterday. He admitted false accounting and theft of his employers' money.

Flights protest

The Farmer's Union of Wales wants the number of low-flying RAF exercises reduced after a jet came down at Cwmystwyth, Dyfed, on Wednesday. There have been six crashes in six years, the union said.

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Eviction order appeal

Woodspring District Council v Taylor and Another

Before Lord Justice Waller, Lord Justice O'Connor and Sir George Baker

[Judgment delivered May 10]

A county court judge was entitled to grant an application under Order 37, rule 5 of the County Court Rules by two long-standing council tenants for a retrial following a registrar's order evicting them from their home. Although the tenants had substantial arrears of rent, the registrar had acted unreasonably in granting the council possession under section 80 of the Housing Act 1980 and exercise of the judge's discretion in the tenants' favour should not be interfered with.

The Court of Appeal so held in *dismissing* an appeal by Woodspring District Council from the order made by Deputy Judge Merrett on April 5, 1982 at Weston-super-Mare County Court granting Mr and Mrs Donald Taylor a new trial.

Miss Susan Hamilton for the council; Mr Paul Forrest for Mr and Mrs Taylor.

LORD JUSTICE WALLER said that the council had claimed possession of a house that had been occupied by Mr and Mrs Taylor for 24 years. At the date of the hearing they were in considerable arrears with rent. Mr Taylor had recently become unemployed and had difficulties with a large tax demand; Mrs Taylor had diabetes and was attending a blood specialist.

Recently the Department of Health and Social Security had taken over paying their rent to the council together with a weekly sum of £1 off the arrears.

With the Taylors' consent the case had come before the county court registrar who decided, having heard all the evidence, that it was reasonable within the meaning of section 34 of the 1980 Act to make the possession order. Mr and Mrs Taylor then applied to the deputy judge for a new trial of the action under the provisions of Order 37 of the County Court Rules.

The council appealed against the granting of their application on the ground that it was a wrong exercise of a judge's discretion to order a new trial. But the deputy judge in considering the facts must have concluded that no registrar acting reasonably could have made the possession order.

He could properly have so concluded: for over 20 years the Taylors had been good tenants and had only recently fallen into arrears when one of them became unemployed and the other was in poor health. There was difficulty in understanding how anyone could have made an order turning them out of their home.

It was impossible to interfere with the order granting the new trial and the appeal should be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that in deciding in the Taylors' favour did not mean that Order 37 gave an unfettered right of appeal from a registrar to a judge. On the authority of *Brown v Dean* ([1910] AC 373) as applied by the Court of Appeal in *Devenish v P.D.I. Homes (Hythe) Ltd* ([1959] 1 WLR 1188), the order did not give such a right to any dissatisfied litigant: good grounds had to be put before the judge hearing the application.

Where the question in issue was the exercise of a discretion the ordinary rules for interfering with discretion applied. It could not have been wrong for the deputy judge to have concluded that no reasonable registrar could have exercised his discretion as this registrar did and he was thus entitled to order a rehearing.

Sir George Baker agreed.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr J. H. M. Bailey, Weston-super-Mare, Mr Barry Walker, Weston-super-Mare.

Three ways to review coroner

Regina v South London Coroner, Ex parte Thompson and Others

Before Mr Justice Comyn

[Judgment delivered May 12]

There was power at common law and under Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court to review the proceedings and verdict of a coroner's court in addition to the relief available under the Coroners Act 1887, Mr Justice Comyn said in the Queen's Bench Division when giving reasons for granting leave to 13 applicants to apply to quash proceedings in an inquest and its verdict.

Mr Ian Macdonald for the applicants; Mr Alistair Hill, QC, for the Metropolitan Police Commissioner; Mr Henry Brooke, QC, and Mr Timothy Wormington for the coroner.

MR JUSTICE COMYN said that he had given leave to the applicants to move a Divisional Court of three judges under three separate heads, namely under common law, under judicial review and under the Coroners Act, 1887, the Attorney General having given his fiat.

The coroner's court was a court of record and so far as the High Court was concerned it was an inferior court whose findings were often interfered with. The Coroners Act 1887 by section 6 gave power to the High Court to review a coroner's inquest.

R v Surrey Coroner, Ex parte Campbell (*The Times*, December 10, 1981; [1982] 2 WLR 626) supported his Lordship's view that review of a coroner's decision was also available under common law and under Order 53. The applicants alleged fundamental and incurable irregularities and under Order 53 there must be power for the court to look at such irregularities.

His Lordship found that quite independently of the Coroners Act 1887, there was power under common law additionally and separately to give leave for a Divisional Court to look at a case.

There was a suggestion in textbooks that under the Coroners Act 1887, where the fiat of the Attorney General had been given, there was no need to seek the leave of the court. His Lordship found that the fiat did not dispense of seeking the leave of the court.

Solicitors: B. M. Birnberg & Co and Singh Kharran & Co, Wood Green; Metropolitan Police Solicitor; Hempsons.

Justices erred over totting-up ban

Holland v Phipp

Before Lord Justice Donaldson and Mr Justice Webster

[Judgment delivered May 10]

Where a person was disqualified from driving by justices and in addition a totting-up disqualification under section 93(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 was imposed, but was incorrectly expressed in the memorandum of conviction to take effect before the end of the main period of disqualification, a subsequent court was not entitled to go behind such memorandum in the absence of other evidence as to when the total period of disqualification ended.

The Divisional Court so held allowing an appeal by way of case stated from Bexleyheath justices who on *May* 1 1981 convicted Timothy Robert Holland on two charges of driving a motor vehicle while disqualified contrary to section 99(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

Section 93 of the Road Traffic Act 1972 provides: "...(3) Where a person convicted of an offence involving obligatory or discretionary disqualification has within the three years immediately preceding the commission of the offence been convicted on not less than two occasions of any such offence...the court shall order him to be disqualified for such period not less than six months as the court thinks fit...

"(5) The period of any disqualification imposed under subsection (3) above shall be in addition to any other period of disqualification imposed (whether previously or on the same occasion) under this section . . . ".

Mr Grant Armstrong for the appellant; Mr Gervase Bradford for the respondent.

MR JUSTICE WEBSTER said that on March and April 1981 informations were preferred against the appellant that on December 22, 1980 and March 14, 1981 the defendant being disqualified was driving a motor vehicle contrary to section 99(b) of the Road Traffic Act 1972.

The question which arose was whether the defendant had ceased to be disqualified on December 16, 1980 or had remained disqualified until June 16, 1981.

The question arose in the following circumstances. On December 17, 1975 the defendant had appeared before Medway justices on two charges of driving while disqualified and on other charges.

On the first charge a five-year disqualification was imposed under section 93(2) of the Act; on the second charge a further concurrent five-year disqualification was imposed.

The court also ordered disqualification for six months in respect of each of four other offences under section 93(3).

When the five-year disqualification expired on December 16, 1980, the six-month disqualification under section 93(3) should have been consecutive to the five-year period by virtue of section 93(5) of the Act.

Turning to the facts as found in the case stated, the memorandum of conviction of the Medway justices was produced before the Bexleyheath justices and showed that the disqualification for the two periods of five years expired on December 16, 1980 and that the disqualification imposed pursuant to section 93(3) expired on October 24, 1978. Those were the only facts found by the justices.

The relevance of the certified copy of the actual register of the Medway justices arose in relation to rule 56 of the Magistrates Court Rules (SI 1968 No 1920) which provided that the register of the magistrates court or any document purporting to be an extract from the register should be admissible in any legal proceedings as evidence of proceedings of the court.

Such a certified copy which was before the justices, instead of disclosing an adjudication that the various periods under section 93(3) sould commence on December 17, 1980 disclosed and was evidence that the adjudication was that the period should commence on April 25, 1976.

It was clear and common ground that the certified copy of the register was the only evidence before the justices and albeit that it constituted an error of law, that evidence was the only evidence on which the justices could act upon in deciding when the appropriate periods of disqualification ended.

The justices should therefore have decided that it ended on December 16, 1980 and not June 16, 1981. Accordingly the appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE DONALDSON, agreeing, said that it was understandable that the justices should construe the Medway justices' decision so as to comply with and not contravene the law.

However it was clear that they intended to reach that decision. A freedom which we all enjoyed was the freedom of justices to make mistakes.

The appeal should be allowed.

Solicitors: Dudley, Clarke & Son, Bexleyheath; Metropolitan Police Solicitor.

Lessors' notice after repairs is invalid

Sedac Investments Ltd v Tanner and Others

Before Mr Michael Wheeler, QC

[Judgment delivered May 6]

A lessors' notice to lessees under section 146(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 claiming compensation for breach of the repairing covenant under the lease after the lessors had carried out urgent repairs to the front wall of premises demised to the lessees at 91 High Street, West Malling, was held to be an invalid notice for the purposes of section 1(2) of the Leasehold Property (Repairs) Act 1938. Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge of the Chancery Division held that the court had no jurisdiction to exercise its discretion under section 1(3) to give leave to the lessors to commence proceedings against the lessees for damages.

Mr Robert Pryor for the lessors; Mr Richard Fernyhough for the lessees.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in April 1980 the lessees had called the lessors' attention to fragments of wall from the first floor level which were falling on to the pavement and they wanted to know whether their insurance cover would be adequate against any claim for injury.

The lessors had an immediate inspection made by a chartered engineer, following which they arranged for repairs to be carried out and they were completed early in May 1980, the total cost working out at some £3,000.

No claim against the lessees in respect of that expenditure was made until January 1981 when they served a notice under section 146(1) of the Law of Property Act 1925 which referred to a breach of the repairs covenant under the lease and sought compensation for the cost of remedying the breach.

The lessees' counter-notice was sent with a letter which made it clear that the counter-notice was without prejudice to their contention that the notice under section 146(1) was void.

On turning to section 146(1) it could be seen that the concluding lines of the subsection clearly contemplated that the breach of covenant complained of had not been remedied at the time when the lessor served his notice because, in effect, they gave a lessee "a reasonable time" after service of the lessor's notice in which to remedy the breach.

The conclusion must be that the section 146 notice which a lessor had to serve under section 1(2) of the 1938 Act as a prerequisite to enforcing a right to damages for breach of a repairing covenant was similarly a notice relating to a breach which at the date of service of the notice had not been remedied.

It seemed to follow from that that a lessor was no longer in a position to give a valid section 146 notice if the breach in respect of which he desired to claim damages had already been remedied.

The lessors here were seeking leave of the court to commence proceedings under section 1(3) of the 1938 Act, that is, where a lessor had duly served a section 146 notice and the lessee had then duly served a counter-notice.

The whole scheme of section 1 of the Act appeared to hinge upon the service of a valid notice by the lessor and if therefore, to be effective, the section 146 notice had to be served before the breach was remedied, the conclusion could only be that if a lessor remedied a breach and then attempted to serve on the lessee a notice under section 146(1), and so deprived the lessee of his right to serve a counter-notice, the court had no jurisdiction to give the lessor leave to commence proceedings for damages.

In the present case, the basic trouble had arisen, partly from the urgency of the repairs undertaken, which were undoubtedly required, and partly from the fact that at the time when the damage to the wall was first noticed, the lessees were apparently unaware of the nature and extent of their liabilities under the repairing covenant in the lease; and the lessors were apparently unaware of their rights under the lease.

Then, when the emergency arose, it was the lessors who took the remedial action but, as it was conceded, without first giving the lessees the opportunity to take remedial action themselves.

The fact remained that the emergency was basically the result of the lessees' failure to comply with their obligations under the repairing covenant of the lease.

Nevertheless, the court was bound to conclude that the lessees were right in their contention that because the lessors' section 146 notice had not complied with the requirements of section 1(2) of the Act of 1938, there was no jurisdiction to give leave to the lessors — as contemplated by the Act — to take proceedings to enforce their claim for damages for breach of the repairing covenant.

Solicitors: Argles & Court, Maidstone; Warners, Tonbridge.

Nott dismisses rumours of Falkland sell-out

From Jonathan Wills, Perth

Demonstrators shouting "Jobs not war" greeted Mr John Nott, The Secretary of State for Defence, when he arrived at the City Hall here yesterday afternoon to address the Conservative Party's Scottish conference. Inside, he received a standing ovation.

He immediately dismissed persistent lobby rumours of an imminent sell-out on the Falklands: "We shall not sell out the Falkland Islanders nor shall we renege on the principles which led Parliament and the people to will the dispatch of our task force."

"A country not very far away from us — the Soviet Union — is watching closely", he said. "If we do not stand firm on this then deterrence has no meaning. If we are not prepared to fight to defend our territory, then who will stand up to them?

"The Argentine garrison in the Falklands is now beleaguered. Supply lines are cut. It may be that under cover of darkness or bad weather some supplies are getting in but the amounts are quite insignificant in terms of the needs of the garrison. There are many military options open to us, ranging from a long blockade to a full-scale invasion.

"We are not going to be hurried, even if some newspapers are impatient, but we will never at any stage be stalled by Argentine procrastination. I stil hope that major military action will not be necessary", he stated.

Reports from London of a split in the Cabinet carried little weight with delegates in Perth. In their reception of Mr Nott and other speakers, however, they made it amply clear that anything remotely like a sell-out would produce a split of geological proportions between the party in the country and the government in Westminster.

They gave a standing ovation to Mr Michael Ancram, MP, chairman of the Scottish Conservatives, who declared that "to compromise justice in the interests of peace has always been an easy way out". It was easy for those who did not have to live with the result but a nightmare of oppression to those upon whom it was imposed.

Mr Ancram caught the mood of the conference when he said: "We could not and must not sell out. For we know that peace bought by inaction does not defuse aggression, it adds fuel to its fire".

Events in Central America occupied the conference during the debate earlier in the day. A motion from the Scottish Conservative Candidates Association called on the British Government to remind President Reagan that military support for totalitarian right-wing regimes in Central America would not defeat the march of communism but could only exacerbate the problem.

Mr Raymond Fraser, proposing the motion, had a cool reception when he said that the United States was supporting oligarchy and feudalism in such countries as Guatamala.

"It ill becomes an administration that decries repression in Poland to support it in Central America because it is done by right-wing governments", he said.

The conference rejected the motion by a large majority after hearing Mr Malcolm Rifkind MP, Under-Secretary of State at the Foreign Office. He condemned human rights violations in the region and said that many of the regimes were unacceptable to the British Government, but in certain circumstances it was right to supply military help to countries under external attack.

● Mrs Thatcher might call an election this autumn to stop the *Liberal/SDP alliance* rebuilding its strength, Mr Alex Carlisle, the Welsh Liberal Party chairman told Montgomery Liberal Association.

Mr Carlisle said Liberals were worried about government policies in the *Falklands dispute. He told the* association: "Many Liberals have misgivings about whether force was used earlier than was necessary. The effect of the crisis in the short term may be damagiong to the Liberal Party and the SDP.

"*It is remarkable that in* the circumstances the Liberals did so well in the local elections in England. It shows that Liberal fortunes are not so inextricably intertwined with the SDP that we are bound to stand or fall with them.

Sea Wolf brings rebuke to BBC

By Hugh Noyes
Parliamentary Correspondent
Westminster

Lord Trenchard, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, yesterday strongly criticized the BBC for inaccurate reports relating to the destruction of the destroyer HMS Sheffield by an Argentine Exocet missile.

He told the House of Lords that no effort was made by the BBC to check with the Ministry, inaccurate inferences alleging that the destroyer could have been saved if the Ministry had authorized the fitting of Sea Wolf missiles. These inaccuracies were not good for the morale of the task force

Lord Trenchard was being questioned about contents of the *Today* programme at 7am and 8am on May 11. He said it was clear that the Chairman of the BBC was deeply interested in this situation and was deeply worried about the criticisms that had been made. He was sure that discussions would take place and he hoped that, without curbing free speech, arrangements could be made so that incidents like this did not take place.

● Mr Peter Hill, BBC political correspondent, who gave the broadcast complained of, said later: "I was merely reflecting the anxieties of MPs on the Commons defence committee about delays in the Sea Wolf missile, delays documented in evidence given by the ministry of Defence to the committee and followed up in published questions and answers — and given new urgency by the loss of a Royal Naval ship".

He had never suggested, he said, that Sea Wolf could have been fitted to the Sheffield: simply that, in the minds of MPs, the inquiry into defence procurement had been given a new urgency by the Sheffield's loss and that urgency would be reflected in the secret session the next day.

● Thames Television's *TV Eye* team, whose members were abducted at gunpoint and dumped without their clothes outside Buenos Aires, *is to be withdrawn from* Argentina.

Mr Barrie Sales, Thames director of news and current affairs, said they had argued strongly to be allowed to remain, but he felt it would be irresponsible to put them at risk a second time.



Welcome home: An Argentine trooper is greeted by his mother on return to Buenos Aires with the group of military and civilians taken prisoner by the British on South Georgia.

EEC agonizes over sanctions renewal

From Ian Murray, Brussels, May 14

Britain's EEC partners seem set this week end to renew trade sanctions against Argentina, but only for a limited period and only subject to firm wording on the need to find a peaceful solution to the Falklands conflict.

A number of countries nevertheless have difficulties in agreeing to continue the embargo. The Italian Cabinet is due to meet tomorrow to consider the question, because Socialist members of the ruling coalition are pressing for parliamentary approval of the ban.

Denmark has similar difficulties about keeping its parliament happy and is seeking a change in the basis on which the ban was originally imposed.

The Danish Government would like to see any extended ban agreed under an article of the Treaty of Rome which would allow greater individual freedom to member states to decide appropriate measures, rather than as at present, where the Community has a unified sanction.

Ireland is still concerned that, as a neutral country, it is being conscripted into a unit which is adding weight to Britain's military pressure.

West Germany is not alone in wanting to see the sanctions renewed for a much shorter time. The suggestion is that they would be renewed until May 25, when the foreign ministers are due to meet again and when progress in the crisis could therefore be assessed at high level.

The debate on renewing the sanctions is due to start here tomorrow afternoon at political director level. If they can reach a unanimous agreement, the formalities of putting the renewed sanctions into operation would be completed before the present ones expire on Monday.

If they cannot reach unanimous agreement then it is likely that the foreign ministers will try to reach a decision at a special meeting in Luxembourg on Sunday on the eve of the Nato spring meeting here. No discussions could take place on the margins of the Nato meeting itself since Ireland is not a member o the alliance.

In-and-out bomb did not explode

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The bomb which hit a British warship in the South Atlantic earlier this week went in through one side of the hull and out through the other without exploding, it was learned last night.

There were no casualties and the damage, described as "comparatively minor", is being repaired with the help of maintenance men flown in by helicopter from one of the task force carriers.

The bomb which struck the hull almost horizontally was dropped by an Argentine Skyhawk, three of whose sister aircraft had just been brought down, directly or indirectly by the new Sea Wolf missile.

The latest evidence, however, discounts earlier reports of a trap, carefully set by two British warships for the Skyhawks, tempting them to disaster as soon as there was a break in the local weather, which seems to be varying between bad and worse.

It now seems that the damaged warship had been bombarding positions in East Falkland as part of the policy of harassing the Argentine garrison, with the second ship, a Type 22 frigate equipped with the Sea Wolf system, standing by to protect it.

The Skyhawks, operating from a base in the southern part of the Argentine mainland, like *Rio Gallegos or* Tierra del Fuego, were probably called to the scene by the beleaguered garrison who are believed to have several radar sets still operating despite British air raids.

Sources are sceptical about the Argentine air force's ability to refuel them in flight. But their combat radius of about 450 miles should have been just enough for them to reach their preselected target, between 20 and 30 miles off Port Stanley, and return.

There are 14 Skyhawks on board the Veinticinco de Mayo, Argentina's only carrier, which should be able to project its air power further afield.

But latest reports suggest that the carrier, although technically at sea, is positioned only just outside port; out of sight of the Argentine people but far enough away from the British task force to minimize the threat from the Royal Navy's nuclear-powered submarines.

Fleet's gagged pressmen

Radio keeps front-line journalists informed

From John Witherow on board HMS Invincible

One of the standing jokes on board HMS Invincible is that if you want to know what you have been doing all day just listen to the BBC World Service.

The irony underlining this silent ritual of standing near the crackling speakers is that news of major developments *concerning the task force* is emerging in London with remarkabe speed. However, for correspondents with the fleet such broadcasts have rather lost their humorous side.

They have been told that they cannot report until the news is announced in London, leading to delays of several hours in transmission. It is possible therefore to know of developments but only send the news when it has been released in Whitehall and broadcast by the BBC.

The Royal Navy is aware of the importance of reports from the front line in maintaining the impetus of the war effort and keeping families informed, but it is also concerned that Argentina should not gain a military *advantage from despatches.*

It is this apparent lack of co-ordination between the Navy and the Ministry of Defence that has led to a number of problems. Some of the ridiculous claims by Argentina of losses they have inflicted on the task force *have no doubt* encouraged the Ministry into releasing as much information as possible to scotch any suggestion that the British are playing the same propaganda game.

But the Navy would have preferred some of this information to have remained *undisclosed.* The missile attack on HMS Sheffield was one such example. An order came from the Navy to HMS Invincible stating that nothing was to be reported from the task force about the destruction of the destroyer. That however was soon negated when the news was announced in London.

One of the more blatant examples was when journalists were instructed that under no circumstances could the raid by Vulcan bombers on Port Stanley be reported. The ship had been told this was top secret and that even in two years time, perhaps while chatting in a pub, no mention was to be made of the attack. Half an hour later the BBC announced that Vulcan aircraft from Ascension Island had bombed the airfield.

At first it was hoped that the tragic loss of the two Harriers from Invincible in an accident could be kept secret to prevent Argentina knowing the task forces air strength had been reduced. However, that evening the BBC announced that not only had the aircraft gone missing but also stated how many Harriers remained with the fleet.

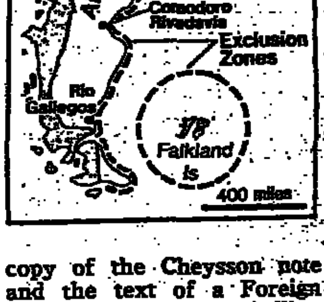
These problems have on occasion placed naval officers in the embarrassing *position of saying that publi*cation of some items could jeopardize their operations, only to hear it later being announced.

The crew of Invincible has also made considerable efforts to send the reports as quickly as possible at a time *when signal traffic via satel*lite has reached record levels.

But despite this, it appears that a dispatch sent before lunch can still not arrive at newspaper offices from the MoD in time for publication in the first edition, even *though it may have left the* ship soon after mid-day.

So in this particular war it seems that truth is not the first casualty: merely the time it takes to get it to London.

Storm is moving in



A large and intense storm off the coast of Chile is moving towards the Falklands and should affect the islands over the weekend. Latest ship reports indicate winds of 30 to 50 m.p.h. to the north and northeast of the islands with seas quite rough - 20 to 30 ft. Gordon Barnes US Cable News meteorologist forecasts strong gusty winds of 30 to 40 m.p.h. for the Falklands this weekend with a lot of cloudiness likely below 1,000 to 2,000ft. Visibility will be poor at times due to rain and/or snow, but some improvement may occur early next week.

● President Mitterrand of France and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the West German Chancellor, began a weekend of talks in Hamburg expected to be dominated by the Falkland crisis.

The Chancellor said on French Television that Bonn and Paris have "very similar" views on the subject. Both supported Britain but were anxious for a negotiated solution.

Asked whether he and M Mitterrand intended some joint initiative, he replied indirectly, saying only that the efforts of Señor Perez de Cuellar, the United Nations Secretary General should not be disturbed.

● M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, flew to London for talks with Mr Francis Pym just as *Figaro-magazine* magazine published an article claiming he had virtually "insulted" the British in a diplomatic note to his ministry aides. His trip was to help prepare Monday's talks in London between President Mitterrand and Mrs Thatcher. The magazine published a photocopy of the Cheysson note and the text of a Foreign Ministry report calling Britain's *handling of the* Falklands crisis a "fiasco."

Hunter-killer

Paris. — Charles Hernu the French Defence Minister, has ordered a fifth nuclear-powered hunter-killer submarine for the French Navy. It is the last of a series planned a decade ago.

Prisoners dead

Paris.—Three political prisoners, including M Siddo Hassane, a former trade union leader, have died in prison in Niger after bing ill-treated, according to exiles here.

Shock in store

Tokyo.— The United States and Japan are to develop a "frozen power can" to store electricity generated by the sun and by windmills.

Film girls bring back flag and catapults

By Kenneth Gosling

When Cindy Buxton and Annie Price heard the Agentines had landed, they boarded up their tiny hut at St Andrew's Bay, South Georgia, and took down the Union flag they first raised last October — "just in case it upset anyone", they said yesterday.

The two film-makers arrived home earlier in the day after being rescued from South Georgia by the Navy a fortnight ago. They were relieved, they said, to have got away but sad to have left their home for the last seven-and-a-half months.

Had the Agentines found them it would have made sense to obey them: in any case, the only weapons they had with them were two catapults and an air gun.

There were restrictions in what they could say, following several Ministry of Defence debriefings. For example, they could not name the ships that took them back to Ascension Island. However, both Miss Buxton, aged 31, and Miss Price, 33, were able to give a graphic account of the scene at Grytviken when the British troops landed.

They described it as "a magnificent show of strength". They said they heard the attack from their base, thinking at first that the gunfire was the breaking up of glaciers.

"The Nevy had done a marvellous job in trying to preserve the buildings, and only a few windows were broken in the fighting. But the Argentines left a dreadful mess. All the British Antarctic Survey's food supplies and personal equipment had been looted. Medical stores had been strewn around.

"But the scrap me5tal merchants, whohad originally come to dismantle the old whaling station, obviously intended to stay some time — they had several tons of stores including crates of champagne and coffee."

The spirit amongst the Marines was good they said. But, Miss Price said, she was not sure whether they knew what they were in for with the winter. "They should be relatively comfortable — obviously there are far more personnel there now, and the winter can be quite stable, more so than the summer".

Miss Buxton said they also saw the Argentine submarine that was damaged in the landing. "It was sinking slowly and the water level reached its decks. There were some impressive holes in its conning tower".

When, back at St Andrew's Bay, they heard the Marines had landed, they opened the second of their two bottles of champagne — the first they drank at Christmas. They had been anxious that the Argentines might reach them by sea but after three or four days they began to relax.

Back safely and full of praise for the Navy, the pair will now spend some time telephoning a long list of messages from people they met on board.

Sweet Georgia: Memories for Cindy Buxton (left) and Annie Price.

Progress made at UN talks Reagan says

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington, May 14

The decision by the United States to side with Britain in the Falklands dispute has not done irreparable damage to America's relations with Latin America, according to President Reagan.

The President, answering a question on the Falklands crisis during his press conference last night, indicated that some progess was being made in the talks at the United Nations. But he said there were still a number of problems to be resolved.

The President in paricular indicated that progress has been made in resolving the thorny issue of sovereignty over the islands.

He said that until now the Argentines had been intransigent in wanting a guarantee of soverignty before the negotiations began "which doesn't make much sense". However, he added: "I understand there's now been some agreement on a way forward to negotiations.

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Defence Minister criticizes BBC radio inferences

House of Lords

Viscount Trenchard, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, strongly criticized a BBC radio programme during exchanges in the House of Lords which he claimed contained obvious inferences that HMS Sheffield could have been saved had she been fitted with the Sea Wolf missile.

He expressed regret that no effort was made by the BBC to check with the Ministry of Defence, where special arrangements for the media had been set up.

Earl Alexander of Tunis (C) began questions of the Falkland crisis by asking whether public comments which obviously gave succour to the enemy could be deemed treasonable. What action did the Government intend to take?

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, said: The constitutional position is as follows. *It is for courts and not* for the Government to decide what conduct is capable of constituting a criminal offence in all the circumstances.

As regards the institution of prosecutions on behalf of the Crown, it is for the Attorney General acting in his independent capacity as legal adviser to the Crown and not as a member of the Government to institute any necessary proceedings.

Earl Alexander of Tunis: Would he not agree that the so-called balanced reporting in the media is totally out of place in the circumstances, and we should give more moral support to our task force in their attempt to relieve the Falkland Islands?

Lord Hailsham: I am sure he is correct *in saying that every* possble moral support ought to be given to our task force. I was asked a question of law and I answered, I hope, in appropriate terms.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos (Lab), for the Opposition: Is not a charge of treason absurd to the point of hysteria when both BBC and ITV are *demonstrating to the* world what a free country is all about? (Labour cheers).

If the balance appears wrong occasionally is that not due to the sparse and limited information coming from the Ministry of Defence, compared with the flood of misleading and self-rigbteous propoganda cascading from the controlled and repressed media of Buenos Aires?

Can the reports from the Ministry of Defence be a little less funereal and more inspiring? All it needs at the moment is a harp accompaniment. (Laughter)

Lord Hailsham: There are many parts of that supplementary question *with which I find myself* in sympathy.

Lord Renton (C) asked whether there was a state of war with the Argentines and Lord Hailsham replied: I think I am right in saying that whether or not a state of war exists is a question of public international law. The Government on such matter is *advised by the Foreign* Office. So far as I know, they have not received positive advice in that direction.

Lord Jenkins of Putney (Lab): Is it not undesirable that parliamentary immunity should be used to intimidate broadcasters with the result that one of them, Robert Kee, has felt it necessary to recant in *The Times* this morning and thereby let down his *colleagues? We ought to be* careful we do not move into the sort of society we are opposing. (Labour cheers)

Lord Hailsham said that last week Lord Jenkin of Putney, in a supplementary question accused the Government of murder.

I think he should be very glad *(he added) of the parliamentary* immunity and tolerance which is extended to him.

Lord Orr-Ewing (C) then asked the Government whether there was any truth in the press and broadcasting allegations that the Ministry of Defence could have authorized the fitting of the Sea Wolf missile to HMS Sheffield.

Viscount Trenchard, Minister of State for Defence Procurement: I am aware of the recent radio and press reports. The facts of the matter are that while consideration was given over 10 years ago and again some five years ago to fitting Sea Wolf to Type 42 destroyers, it was never incorporated in the design because it was found to be impracticable to fit both the Sea Wolf and the Sea Dart systems on the same Type 22 frigates.

Lord Orr-Ewing said the BBC broadcasting on security on the *Today* programme at 7 am and 8 am on May 11 contained a lot of facts many of which were erroneous.

The whole statement (he said) was laced with innuendoes which showed distrust of the Government's policy and mistrust of its missile policy.

Is it not desirable to mae clear how inaccurate this statement was at the *earliest possible* moment for the comfort of those concerned in the task force and *their relatives* at home?

Viscount Trenchard: What I regret is that no effort was made by the BBC to check with us several times over inaccurate inferences of the BBC peak-time comment. Not yet has the BBC used the Ministry of Defence statment released after careful consideration in relation to security to the press and the BBC on May 12.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos: In view of the need for accurate reporting at this time, what consultation takes place between his department and the BBC and ITV on these matters so that the reports can be as accurate as possible?

Viscount Trenchard: There was no method by which the Ministry of Defence could have known that the BBC news bulletin on the morning of May 11 was going to have a statement with inaccuracies four times over and with implications which are not good for the morale of the task force and the widows of the gallant men who died on HMS Sheffield. (Conservative cheers)

On this particular news bulletin at a peak time (he added) a programme was put out which had certain obvious inferences that HMS Sheffield could have been saved.

As to the motives for making *them, I do not accuse anyone but* I take note that that sort of inference appears, in this day and age in a free country, to have more news value than sometimes boring facts. (Conservative cheers)

The Administration of Justice Bill completed its report stage and the Food and Drugs *(Amendment)* Bill was *read* a second time.

Correction

In yesterday's parliamentary report of the Commons debate on the Falkland Islands, the following remarks by Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU) were wrongly attributed to Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party. We apologize to both of them.

The eventual outcome had to be a definitive agreement without prejudice to the wishes of the islanders, but a definitive agreement arrived at in those circumstances, after those preliminaries, was not compatible with the overriding justification and paramount factor of the status which the Falkland Islanders voluntarily and freely chose for themselves.

The country and the world had been told, through the mouth of the Foreign Secretary, that the Government was prepared to accept what six weeks ago was unacceptable, and that the purposes for which the British forces were in the South Atlantic and for which they were exposed to loss of life and loss of vessels, had been radically altered.

The divergence to which he drew attention might represent an internal difference of opinion in the Government. If so, Mr Pym could resolve it. If he was not agreed with his colleagues in the purpose for which the operation was being conducted, there was an honourable course which he could take.

The prime duty to maintain the unity of the Government rested on the Prime Minister. She owed it to the country, to the forces and to the Falkland Islanders to restore the unity of the Government, to restore the clarity of purpose upon the basis of which the whole operation had begun and in the name of which alone *they were entitled to call on the* people and forces for sacrifices.

Control of imitation firearms

Commons

Guidelines were being prepared *on measures* which could be applied to render imitation firearms incapable of being readily converted to use live amminition, Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State, Home Office, said in the Commons when the Firearms Bill was read the third time. The Bill applies the provisions of the Firearms Act 1968, *with certain exceptions, to* imitation firearms which are readily convertible to fire live ammunition.

He said the guidelines would be drawn up in consultation with representatives of the gun trade and other interested parties and would be made available before the Bill came into force. If the Bill prevented even one imitation firearm capable of being converted falling into the wrong hands and being used with live ammnition for criminal purposes; it would have been more than justified.

To have the restriction at the point of sale or acquisition would greatly reduce the impact of the Bill. It was important that the Bill should apply to possession.

He would not anticipate many certificates being granted for readily convertible imitation firearms because it would be difficult for applicants to show that they had good reason for possessing them rather than possessing *imitations that could* not be readily converted.

Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C), the Bill's sponsor, said the decision by Parliament to reject the return to capital punishment was likely to mean more firearms, real and fake, being used in crime and therefore means of controlling them became even more important.

There had been anxiety in the gun trade that the Bill would destroy the business and there would, therefore, be full consultation between the Home Office and representatives of the trade to draw up a code of practice.

While this would not be statutory, it was right that dealers should know what was necessary in dealing with imitation firearms to meet the legislation. There would be ample time for full consultations and all interested parties would be involved.

No one should benefit from murder

A warning that hard cases must not be allowed to make bad law was given by Mr John Farr (Harborough, C) when he moved a new clause to the Relief from Forfeiture Bill which provides that a person found wrongfully to have caused the death of another may apply to the court for an order that he may, even so, inherit that person's property. The clause removed that right to apply from those convicted of murder.

Mr Leo Abse (Pontypool, Lab) said that public policy demanded that no man and, in the context of the Bill, no woman could benefit from their own wrong. There should be no erosion of *that fundamental principle, but* not every unlawful killing was now deemed to be murder and the Bill focused on such infortunate deaths.

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Birton, C) said it would be all too easy to set up circumstances in which it would appear that there were compassionate circumstances behind a killing so that financial benefit could follow.

Sir Ian Percival, Solicitor General, said the Government attached the greatest possible importance to the general rule that a person should not benefit from his wrong doing. Nothing should be done to erode that rule.

If there was a weakness, it was that the court had to answer "Yes or No" to whether, as a matter of public policy, it should allow a claimant to use the courts to enforce a claim. The answer to the question had to be "All or nothing."

It was for the House to say if it thought there should be some wider discretion. Speaking for the Government, he would not think it right to go any further than that.

He saw an argument for saying that the present position might be unduly restrictive on the court. The Government was inclined to the view that if the House wished to go that far, the Government should help the sponsors with technical expertise to put that into law. But if the House decided it wanted to go further than that, the Government would have to reconsider such an offer.

The report stage completed and the Bill was read the third time.

The Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill which has passed the House of Lords, and which strengthens the law against poaching of deer in Scotland, was read the third time.

Martial law protest

Cracow students ignore pleas for restraint

From Roger Bayes, Warsaw, May 14

Poland's official press today hailed the mixed response to Solidarity's general strike call as a victory for martial law and common sense and a defeat for the Western-ispired underground. "Workers say 'no' to anti-socialist provocations" is the fron page headline of the army daily, *Zolnierz Wolnosci*.

In fact, though the factory workers did indeed act with restraint during yesterda's strike — partly as a response to threats from the management — there were a number of street demonstrations that underline the problems facing the aurthorities. The worst of these was in Cracow.

According to reports from travellers, more than 10,000 people gathered in the old market square near the statue of the Polish writher Adam Misciewicz and chanted "Solidarity" and "Hands off Walesa".

They then tried to march to St Anna's, te student church, but before they had walked 15 yards, the riot police standin at the ready issued a warning and moved in within minutes.

They used water cannon, tear gas and special grenades designed to simulate the sound of gunfire. The crowd tried to disperse along the side streets but found their way blocked and were then pursued by the militia who baton charged.

One of the disturbing elements of the demonstration — which in other respects follows the pattern of the other riots over the past two weeks — was that the protesters gathered after a mass at the church of the Holy Virgin, despite explicit appeals by the priest to go straight home and avoid the possibility of confrontation.

The church has been worried that it is losing its ability to dampen the anger of Poles, especially young people, and the action on May 13 seems to lend substance to that feeling. Other street demonstrations took place in the old town district of Warsaw which was then completely sealed by police.

The demonstration lasted for little more than an hour and by 8 pm the district looked like a huge police encampoent with scarcely a civilian to be seen.

The official news agency PAP has said only that "gatherings in the centre of Cracow and the old city of Warsaw were dispersed by law enforcement agencies". It has been somewhat selective in its account of the strike action.

Hwever, its general message seems to tally with other independent reports: workers either chose *not to* obey Solidarity appeals for a strike, or did so in a way that did not openly conflict with martial law regulations.

In a significant number of factories, departments were shut down for 15 minutes by protest action bu production continued elsewhere. PAP announced that those "who stopped working and caused breaches in the functions of industrial plants would be sanctioned under martial law regulations". That means, according to the percevied gravity of the offence, sackings, fines or even imprisonment for strike organizing.

May 13, — which marked five months of martial law — seems to have shown that while workers are prepared to regulate the pace of opposition to the authorities and draw back from confrontation when necessary, students, young teenagers and former Solidarity activisits are still eager to express their criticism openly even if leads to a police crackdown and a hardening of the party line.

That spells continuing problems for the Polish leadership since it will have to balance its attempts to persuade workers to work against ite wish to stamp out dissent. The resulting mixture of encouragement and repression is a difficult one to maintain.

Euro Tories explain their 'desertion'

From George Clark Strasbourg, May 14

Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the European Democratic Conservative group in the European Parliament, wrote to Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, today explaining why the 60 British Conservatives in Strasbourg have come down in favour of majority voting in the Council of Ministers in order to get a settlement of the farm price dispute.

That would mean that objections still being voiced by Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agriculture, will be overruled in Brussels next week.

Sir Henry wrote: "Our group succeeded in getting an unequivocal decision from the European Parliament in favour of a renewal of sanctions against Argentina. This was a good deal more difficult than it had been last month, with many of our colleagues on the right as well as the left suggesting that Britain did not seem to believe that solidarity was a two-way process.

"While we accept that there should be no link made between agricultural prices and the Falklands, we took the view that it was necessary to acknowledge that many European farmers are, in their view, in crisis. In my speech during the debate I deliberately referred to majority voting in this context.

"We felt that the renewal of sanctions by the Community should be our highest priority. I hope the decisions of the Parliament and the Commission will help towards this end. The net result of a loss of Community support for Britain in this crisis would be disastrous for public opinion in Britain and for the cohesion of the Community as a whole."

Sir Henry enclosed an extract from his speech in which he repeated with approval a statement by the Foreign Minister of France that any linkage between "support for Britain in the Falklands crisis and the settlement of farm price and budget issues would be "indecent". "I agreed with him," said Sir Henry. "Friendship does not have a price. But we in the Conservative group clearly recognise the deep concern amongst the electors of many members of this house about the problem of settling farm prices. We recognise that the community will be a much more credible force in international affairs when she can settle her domestic problems with greater speed and efficiency."

There is no doubt here that the group is in trouble with Mrs Thatcher. Messages coming from London suggested that these Conservatives are deserting the Government in its attempt to get a fairer deal for Britain from the community budget.

Bishops blame Pretoria

From Roy Kennedy Johannesberg, May 14

Most blacks in the northern operational area of South-West Africa (Namibia) are not afraid of guerrillas of the South-West African People's Organizatin (Swapo) but are petrified of the South African security forces, it was stated here today.

In a report which is certain to cause angry reaction in South African Government and military circles, the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference, which represents more than two million Roman Catholics in the Southern African subcontinent, stated that atrocities were being committed by both sides in the bush war that has gone on for more than 13 years.

Most Namibians regarded South African Forces as a "foreign army of occupation" and wanted elections supervised by the United Nations which, the report concluded, Swapo would win.

There was no comment tonight from the South African Government and the Defence Ministry stated it wanted to see the full report before making any comment. However, in a response published in the body of the report, Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, said the report was too negative and failed to consider South Africa's assistance to Namibia. South Africa was doing "everything in its power to stop the war in Namibia," he said.

The bishops report said bluntly that South Africa was to blame for the current impasse.

●A Soviet-built helicopter being used to supply Swapo guerrillas has been destroyed on the ground by the South African Air Force, it was stated in Pretoria today. A brief statement by the South African Army said it was attacked "during follow-up operations against Swapo in southern Angola." It was armed and supplying Swapo,

Angola's forces are equipped solely with Soviet-made arms, including helicopters and MiG jets. "The Defence Force reiterates its warning that forces who support and especially directly support Swapo, as in this case, must carry the consequences," the statement added.

Haig refuses to mediate in Aegean

From Our Correspondent Ankara, May 14

Mr Alexander Haig, the American Secretary of State, who held extensive talks with Turkish leaders here today, will not mediate in the Turkish-Greek disputes and thinks they could best be resolved through bilateral negotiations, his spokesman, Mr Dean Fischer, disclosed.

Mr Haig, who arrived here yesterday for a widely-publicized official visit on the first leg of a trip which will also take him to Athens tommorow and then to Luxembourg to attend the Nato Ministerial Council meeting, today conferred with General Kenan Evren, The head of state, Mr Bulend Ulusu, the Prime Minister, Mr Ilter Turkmen, the Foreign Minister, and Mr Sadi Irmak, Speaker of the Consultative Assembly. He also attended a briefing by the Turkish G Staff.

Mr Fischer's wo..s made it clear that Mr Haig had accepted the Turkish Government's stand against mediation by a third party in the disputes with Greece, insisting on their resolution through bilateral negotiations which were suspended by the Socialist Greek Government last year.

Hostages freed as Guatemala protest ends

Guatemala City, May 14.—Thirteen Guatemalan left-wingers who held eight people hostage for 30 hours in the Brazilian embassy were flown to Mexico today with five of the hostages.

The left-wingers, who were protesting against the alleged persecution of the embassy after receiving a Government guarantee of safe passage. The group included six women in Indian dress and seven men.

A spokesman for the group said that they represented people "who have been persecuted and whose harvests and farms have been burned". He added that "nothing has changed with the coup". On March 23, a group of officers claiming to be reformers overthrew the military-led Government.

Senhor Antonio Carlos de Arreu e Silva, the Brazilian ambassador and two embassy employees were freed. Senhor Fernando Hugo Tavares de Castro, a Brazilian diplomat, and four embassy employees agreed to accompany the left-wingers to Mexico to assure their safety. The head of the Guatemalan Foreign Ministry's protocol went with them.

A child is carried from a house in Riverside, California, where two police officers were shot dead trying to serve a warrant.

Dutch face prospect of early polling

From Robert Schuil Amsterdam, May 14

Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is expected to name a Christian Democrat "informateur" as her personal political fact-finder after the collapse of the eight-month-old centre-left coalition of Christian Democrats, Labour and left-liberal Democrats-66.

The Queen has spent the two days since the fall of the second van Agt Cabinet in consultation with her advisers and the country's political leaders. From the advice she has been given by the leaders of the four political parties — the three outgoing coalition partners and the conservative Liberals — it seems likely that the country is heading for early parliamentary elections, probably in September.

In the meantime there could be a minority interim Government, composed of Christian Democrats and Democrats-66, which though it could only command 65 out of the 150 seats in the Lower House.

This will depend, however, on whether the Queen accepts the resignations proffered by the six Labour cabinet ministers led by Mr Andries van Agt, a Christian Democrat, the six Christian Democrat and three Democrat-66 ministers in the Cabinet have not offered their resignations but have put their portfolios at the Queen's disposal.

The Queen has the option of refusing the resignations of the Labour ministers and asking the outgoing Cabinet as a whole to stay on in a caretaker capacity. It is considered more likely, however, that the Labour Party's portfolios will be taken over by Christian Democrats and Democrats-66.

It will be part of the informateur's brief to investigate the options.

The end of the uneasy coalition did not really come as a surprise. The complexity of the talks lasting for months leading to the formation of the Government, and the fact that it underwent a first crisis within weeks of its birth, did not augur well for the Cabinet's life expectancy.

In the end the Christian Democrats and the Democrats — 66 found themselves allied against the Labour Party over ways and means of tackling cuts in public expenditure and rising unemployment.

Nicaragua has ended torture, US body says

Washington, May 14.—Torture has been "effectively eliminated" in Nicaragua, contrary to claims by the United States, according to an Americn human rights organization.

In a report drawn up after a 10-day tour of Nicaragua last March, the organization, America'a Watch, said: "Many of the charges leveled against the Nicaraguan Government by the United States are substantially exaggerated." However, the group refused to say whether the human rights situation in Nicaragua was completely satisfactory.

Mr Stephen Hass and Mr Juan Mendez, both lawyers said last night they had come to their conclusions after interviewing hundreds of people in Nicaragua, including members of the Government, United States Embassy staff, prisoners and opponents of the left-wing Sandinista regime. "We found widespread agreement, even agong the Government's strongest critics, that physical torture is not practised in Nicaragua today," they said.

Disappearances or executions that occurred were isolaed occurrences rather than a Government policy, they addad.

Mr Kass and Mr Mendaz criticized the State Department for making accusations, the truth of which was doubted by American Diplomats in Nicaragua itself. A State Department spokesman said: "We stand by our report." — AFP

Reagan rejects Salt revival

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, May 14

President Reagan has rejected a revival of the abandoned Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (Salt Two), saying that it did nothing to reduce the power and number of "the most destabilizing missiles", the Soviet Union's land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs).

Instead, during a nationally televised press conference last night, the President reiterated the proposal he made last weekend for big cuts in American and Soviet nuclear arsenals. His plan calls for both sides to reduce the number of missile warheads held by both sides by one-third, from around 7,500 to 5,000.

In a prepared statement at the start of his press conference Mr Reagan pledged that the United States would do everything it could to bring about an arms reduction agreement. Although such an agreement would not be easy he believed "a firm, forthright American position on arms reduction can bring us closer to a settlement."

Explaining why he was opposed to the unratified Salt Two treaty, he said it "simply legitimizes the arms race" because it would allow the Soviet Union to just about double its present nuclear capability." Although he did not go as far as Mr Alexander Haig, the Secretary of State, early in the week, who declared Salt Two to be dead, his staff said afterwards he would have expressed himself in similar terms if he had been asked to.

Mr Reagan told a questioner that the United States would not renounce the first use of nuclear weapons in the event of a Soviet conventional attack against Western Europe. "I don't think that any useful purpose is served in making such a declaration," he said. "Our strategic nuclear weapons are unfortunately the only deterrent that we have to counter the massive build-up of conventional arms that the Soviet Union has on the Western front."

In other comments, the President made it clear he was prepared to discuss long-range bombers and cruise missiles in strategc arms talks with the Soviet Union and also that his administration was determined to go ahead with its $180,000m (£100,000m) strategic modernization programme.

The President's plans for a massive defence build-up were given the green light by the Senate early today which voted 84-8 after 20 hours of debate to approve the 1983 Defence Authorization Bill. The Bill includes initial funding for the controversial MX ICBMs

The Senate vote will allow President Reagan to resume production of chemical weapons for the first time in 13 years.

Hinckley fantasy world described by doctor

Washington, May 14.—John Hinckley was living in a fantasy world when he tried to assassinate President Reagan, a psychiatrist told the his trial today.

Dr William Carpenter, appearing for the defence, told the jury that Mr Hinckley lived totally in his "inner world" after the winter of 1980, when he was spurned by the teenage actress, Jodie Foster. He said it was a tremendous blow to Mr Hinckley's self-esteem when Miss Foster, with whom he was obsessed, told him to leave her alone.

Mr Hinckley, aged 26, has pleaded not guilty due to insanity to charges arising out of the shooting on March 30 last year in which President Reagan and three other men were seriously wounded.

Earlier, defence lawyers played tape recordings Mr Hinckley made of his pleading conversations with Miss Foster, trying to focus on his obsession as proof of his insanity when he shot Mr Reagan. Dr Carpenter said Mr Hinckley began retreating into a fantasy world from about 1974.

He said Mr Hinckley became increasingly fascinated with Nazi literature and founded an elaborate Nazi-like organization called the "American Front" of which he was the only member. "This took place solely within his own mind."

Terror attacks as ETA deadline nears

From Harry Debelius Madrid, May 14

With only hours to go before the deadline set one month ago by the ETA (Basque Homeland and Liberty Organization) in its demand for the withdrawal of all Madrid-controlled security forces from the Basque country, terrorists attacked in three places, killing a civilian and wounding two policemen.

A taxi driver was found shot dead today in the northern industrial town of Eibar. There was no evidence of robbery. Police suspect ETA.

In Barcelona a policeman was wounded in an exchange of shots with prowlers early this morning at a power station.

In the Basque capital of Vitoria a member of the Civil Guard was wounded in a machine-gun attack on a barracks.

Award to king for protecting environment

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi, May 14

Gold medals have been awarded to King Carl Gustaf of Sweden, President Moi of Kenya, and Mr Maurice Strong, a Canadian who was secretary-general of the first World Environment Conference in Stockholm in 1972, it was announced here today.

The awards, made by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), were announced during the special conference now taking place here to assess the progress made since the Stockholm conference.

The award to King Carl Gustaf marks the fact that Sweden has consistently been in the forefront of the movement to protect and preserve the world environment.

President Moi receives the medal because his country has hosted UNEP since its inception.

Boycott of Maltese by-elections

From Austin Sammut Valletta, May 14

Malta's constitutional crisis entered a new phase yesterday, when nominations for by-elections in 31 constituencies — caused by the expulsion of the Nationalist Party (NP) MPs — closed without any nominations by unsuccessful NP candidates in the general election held last December.

The 31 seats concerned were declared vacant by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dr Daniel Micallef, on April 26, after the Nationalist MPs had been boycotting sittings since the new session of Parliament was inaugurated on February 15.

The boycott was called as a protest against the fact that while the NP, under Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, obtained an absolute majority of votes in the elections, the Labour Party of Mr Dom Mintoff, the Prime Minister, retained a majority of seats in Parliament. His government and the Electoral Commission have been accused of blatant gerrymandering.

Two independent candidates have submitted nominations for the forthcoming by-elections, due to be held within a week. However, it would be surprising were they to be successful. They are considered "characters" in the local political and social set-up.

The decision that no NP candidates were to contest the by-election was taken by the party's central executive committee and announced by Dr Adami during a rally a fortnight ago.

Indications are that the House of Representatives will have to resort to the cooption of members to fill the vacant seats.

Everest climber taken ill

One climber from the British expedition attempting the north east ridge of Everest has retreated suffering from severe altitude sickness (Ronald Faux writes).

Dick Renshaw, aged 31, from Cardiff, was helping to fix ropes to safeguard a difficult section of the unclimbed ridge when he fell ill.

He is now reported to be recovering at base camp as the three other climbers, Chris Bonington, aged 47, Peter Boardman, aged 31, and Joe Tasker, aged 33, prepare their final assault on the summit.

Rush for love encyclopedia

Paris.—The French have taken enthusiastically to a new encyclopedia on achieving "better love relationships" in 96 instalments, the publisher, Hachette, reported. The first two instalments sold 1,300,000 copies.

Containing centre-page photospreads on "amorous positions," the encylopedia is being adapted from a British work by Jacques Waynberg, a sexologist who says that the French "have a hysterical and neurotic attitude to sex."

Sentences on whites delayed

Bulawayo. The sentencing of four whites found guilty on two capital charges of treason was postponed until next Tuesday by Judge Anthony Gubbay in the Zimbabwe High Court here.

Frank Bertrand, aged 58, a dentist, his son Stephen, aged 24, Victor Radmore, aged 53, a Bulawayo municipality gardener, and Allen Cauvin, aged 21, were convicted yesterday of plotting terrorism and sabotaging and possessing arms of war. They pleaded not guilty.—AP.

Paton better



Durban. — Alan Paton, aged 79, Souh African author of *Cry he Beloved Country*, has left the Saint Augustine hospital here following treatment for an aneurysm in his heart.

Girl kidnapped

Como.—The Italian magistrate leading inquiries into the disappearance of a British millionaire's daughter, Miss Gaby Kiss Maerth, aged 18, said she was kidnapped two days ago and is alive.

Angolans to die

Luanda.—Three Angolans were sentenced to death by a revolutionary court in Cabinda, northern Angola for planting bombs.

Giscard sheds his mourning

From Charles Hargrove, Paris, May 14

Ex-President Giscard d'Estaing, by small and carefully calculated steps, has been making his political comeback. He has now shed the last of the mourning which he said he had donned after his defeat in the presidential elections a year ago and shown that he clearly is not disposed to allow M Jacques Chirac to pose unchallenged as the sole leader of the Opposition.

He said the Opposition must be "pluralistic and open" yesterday when he addressed a luncheon of businessmen and employers. It must create "a broad consensus" and prepare what he called the "after-socialism", which would come about normally through democratic change; by way of elections.

"The wisdom of Frenchmen has already demonstrated itself in the local elections," he said. The municipal elections next year, the parliamentary elections in 1986, and the presidential elections in 1988 would confirm the trend away from the present Socialist experiment.

The former President showed that he had lost none of his mastery of economic fact and none of his pedagogic skill. He reviewed, on the whole dispassionately, the economic record of one year of Socialist Government. He refused to indulge in "polemical debate", and to rejoice "in the difficulties of France", but his verdict was none the less severe.

France was the only Western country which had not benefited froma slowing down of inflation trends. The fran had been weakened and no longer was regarded as an international currency in a European Monetary System dominated by the Deutsch mark.

Unemployment persisted at a higher rate than a year ago. The balance of payments deficit was growing dangerously. Production costs had risen to such and extent that French firms no longer invest and, taken as a whole, could not even service their debts. The budget deficit threatened to double next year. France was in danger of becoming once again, as she had been in the immediate postwar years, "a republic of deficits."

The Socialist Government's policy of reflation, and the consequent Government deficit had not led to any increase in production but only benefited imports. France was the only industrial power in the world today to impose foreign exchange controls.

Replying indirectly to President Mitterrand's appeals for unity, M Giscard D'Estaing said: "The first rule of unity is not to try to divide people by splitting France into social classes and opposing French people to one another as social antagonists or by presenting today's Government as the irreducible enemy of the Government of yesterday." He implied that when the time came for another democratic change there would be "an even greater chance of unity for France."

Economy overshadows Dominican Republic vote

From Paul Ellman, Santo Comingo, May 14

Voters in the Dominican Reublic go to the polls on Sunday to choose a new president after a bitterly fought election cammpaign dominated by this sugar-producing Caribbean island's rapid slide towards economic catastrophe.

A total of 14 candidates are running for office, but only three are given any chance of capturing a significant share of the vote.

Two of the leading contenders are Señor Juan Bosch of the Dominican Liberation Party whose attempt to establish a left-wing government here prompted President Johnson to order the intervention of 27,000 United States Marines and troops in 1965.

Although the rivalry between the two men, both now in their seventies, has dominated the politics of the Dominican Republic since the overthrow of the dictatorship of Rafael Trujillo, who was assassinated after 31 years in power in 1961, neither is expected to win the election.

The results of an opinion poll released today by an American firm engaged by the third leading contender, Señor Salvador Jorge Blanco of the Dominican Revolutionary Party, indicated that no candidate was likely to capture more than half the vote.

According to the poll, Señor Blanco stands to win 47 per cent, with 25 per cent going to Señor Balaguer and 14 per cent to Señor Bosch.

Although Señor Blanco is from the same party as the outgoing President, Señor Antonio Guzman, he has indicated that, if elected, he will pursue more left-wing policies than his predecessor with the aim of reducing unemployment which is estimated at 30 per cent.

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Sunday 23 May 7.30 pm	ENGLISH BACH FESTIVAL BAROQUE ORCHESTRA English Bach Festival Chorus Roger Norrington (conductor) Lynda Russell (soprano) Paul Esswood (alto) Peter Jeffes (tenor) Stephen Roberts (bass) Bach Mass in B minor. £3.00 £3.00 £4.00 £5.00 £6.00 £7.00 — English Bach Festival Trust
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QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL

Saturday 15 May 7.45 pm	ENGLISH BAROQUE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA Leon Lovett (conductor) Janet Price Margaret Cable William Kendall Richard Jackson William Black. Mozart Motet, Ave verum corpus, Piano Concerto in A, K 414, Mass in C minor, K.427 £2.50 £3.30 £4.00 £4.50 £5.00 — English Baroque Choir
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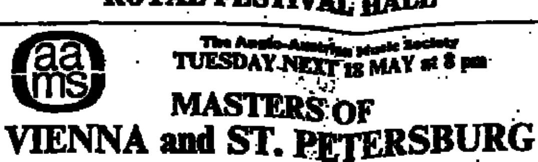
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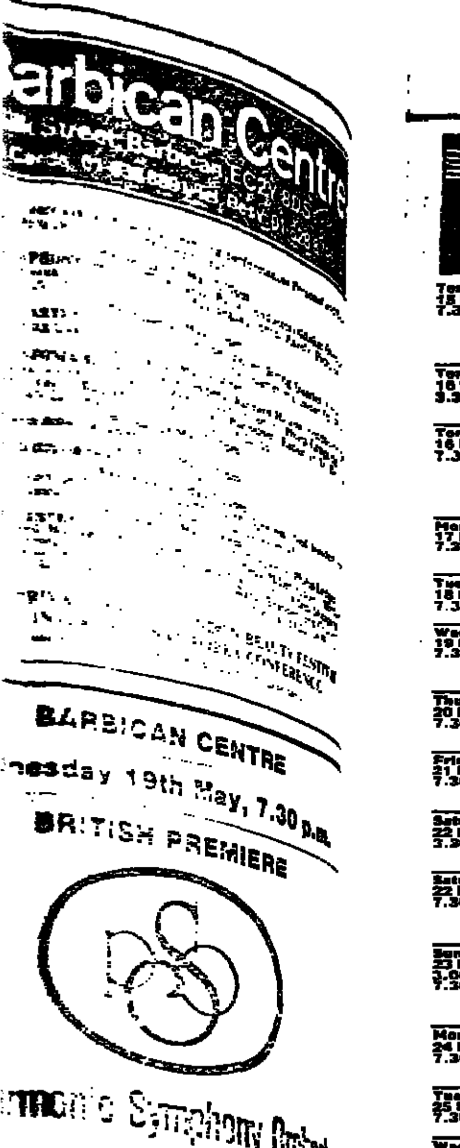
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Breakfast spread

The boy who brought breakfast had the sort of face a student potter might knock together for practice on a good day — a face whose claim to life was expressed entirely through the superficial interest of its features, with nothing inside but clay — too good to throw away, but not worth showing either. After a bad night everyone in Brazil can look like that.

It hadn't been a good night. Unfortunately my acquaintance across the table had told me the evening before that Teresina was reputed to be the hottest town in the north. She said it was because of all the minerals in the ground — manganese, chrome, nickel, iron, you name it, she said, they'd found it. Especially iron; vast amounts of it, the biggest deposits anywhere, she said. And it made the climate hotter.

It sounded like nonsense to me, but I was in no position to contradict. Anyway, her information had simply made *me* feel hotter. The fan was too noisy and I lay down without it, but woke drenched in sweat at four. The light from the corridor shone too brightly through the hole in the wall — it was another of those windowless interior cells — and the light switch appeared to have been stolen. I turned on the fan — which evaporated the sweat, which cooled me down according to the Laws of Thermodynamics — and slept fitfully on.

Not a great night, but breakfast looked promising. Lots of fruit, both solid and liquid, with biscuits, bread, cheese and coffee. "No butter here, you see", I said pouncing on a new clue with which to unravel the universe. "I suppose in these hot towns in the interior butter gets to be pretty much *of a luxury. I remember* parts of Peru and Bolivia where you never see it at all — not to mention Africa and India. Understandable really, when you think how much milk it takes to make it, let alone having to keep it in the heat. It used to be pretty much of a delicacy in Europe too, of course. We all eat too much of it now — one of the many insidious forms of decadence that will bring us all down in the end. We're out of kilter with the cow. Dangerous. What do they do with all the buttermilk anyway, now that they don't make buttons from it any more?"

Two men came in, both in their thirties, each a fine example of his type. The first had a smooth brown oval head, hair slicked back, and a close-fitting jersey T-shirt of the kind, but not the class, favoured by the rich. His trousers, too, were a cheap cotton imitation of an expensive worsted check, flared at the cuffs and with the seams about to burst around the hips where they supported an inch or two of flab.

He came in briskly, almost dancing, joking with the cook, and sat down at an empty table as though it were a packed board of directors and he the chairman about to announce a brilliant merger. He tapped out a thunderous sequence of drum beats on the table top and then, quite suddenly, slumped into immobility, staring mournfully into space. Would you buy a secondhand prospectus from this man?

His companion tripped in on hairy legs, wearing shorts and sandals, and ready for *futebol*. He had curly hair, a messy mouth, and several days' growth on his chin which seems to be an affectation of the virile man of leisure. He also sprang into his seat and rapped out two bars of an even louder samba beat with his room key before stiffening with the same strange rigor.

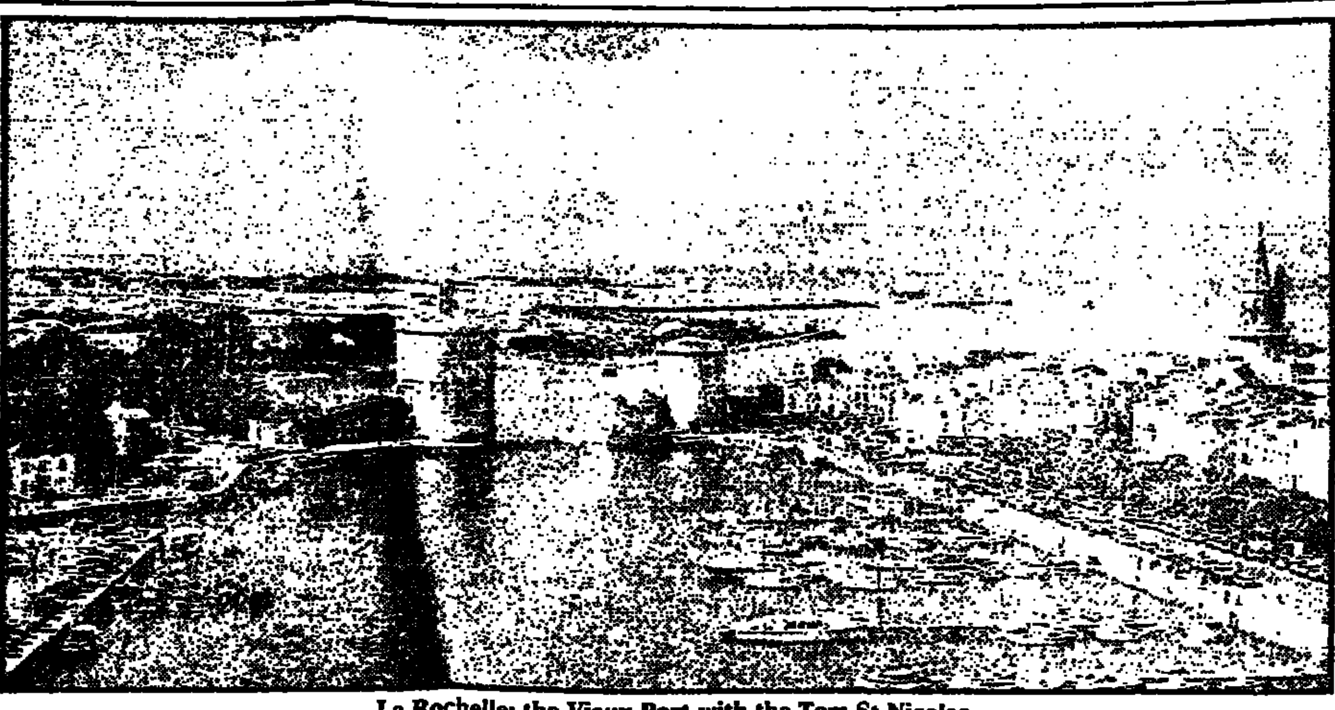
"I wish they wouldn't make all that drumming noise", I complained.

"It's because they have rhythm", she said, and observing the breakfast that was being laid out between them by the cook, she added a shade triumphantly, "also, I see, they have butter". "They must be house favourites", I said, reluctant to have my theories disturbed. She turned to the cook and called: *"Manteiga? Tem?"* The cook looked and *laughed. "Tem", she said,* "and the orange juice too. The boy forgot".

She brought them over. I abandoned my thesis on butterless zones, in favour of another much larger vision of the hyperbolic feedback effect on society caused by the desperate attempts of media hacks like myself to seek significance where there isn't any.

"In Budapest once" I said, disregarding the slurp of coffee across the table, "I was going to write a powerful piece about bread shortage. You know, describing those endless frosty morning queues of women at the bakers, going round the block and back again. How miserable they always looked with their headscarfs and their immense empty shopping bags. Then my Hungarian friend laughed at me through his gold teeth. 'There's no shortage of bread', he told me. 'There's plenty for all of them. They just like to get it hot from the oven. They spend hours queuing rather than keep it overnight.' I was devastated. I'd almost sent the piece off. Just imagine how much of the world's news is like that. It's been hard to recover my faith."

"This isn't butter," she said. "It's margarine." "There you are," I said, talking to myself as usual.



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The old fortified seaport of La Rochelle is best known in history as the doomed bas*tion of the Huguenots in* 1560-1629. But it has another claim to fame: it played the biggest role of any port in the early French colonization of the Americas. This month marks the tercentenary of the French settlement and annexation of Louisiana in 1682, under Louis XIV, and the Rochelais are commemorating in high style.

Today 30 ocean-going yachts will glide out between the two fourteenth century forts that guard the Vieux Port for the start of a La Rochelle/New Orleans race. Yesterday, in the presence of the US and Canadian ambassadors, the town inaugurated its new Musée du Nouveau Monde, claimed to be the world's first major museum devoted entirely to France's role in the opening up of North America.

It is housed in a stately eighteenth century mansion which, appropriately, was formerly the home of a Rochelais shipowner and sea trader. The museum's creator and curator, Alain Parent, has assembled 250 varied exhibits which may remind a British visitor of what we tend to forget: that until the late eighteenth century France was as active as Britain in the drive for American expansion.

Among the exhibits are a gruesomely realistic oil painting (1664) by Père Bressani of Jesuit missionaries being *tortured to death by Iroquois* Indians near Quebec; a cannonball with the *fleur-de-lys* on it, used against the British at Quebec; watercolours of Indian warriors and Indian domestic life; and early photographs of timbered Norman farmhouses amid the Louisiana landscape.

There is also a strange allegorical painting, *France supporting America*, marking their joint victory over the British at Yorktown: of the two female figures soaring aloft, the young and fragile America, half naked, looks up gratefully at her champion, the mighty France, brandishing a sword.

Parent says: "My museum expresses two main themes. First, the literary and artistic vision, Rousseauesque, of the '*pure*' *virgin America, the noble savage*" (but what of the tortured Jesuits?); "second, the French kings' dream *of a New World empire*".

They almost won it. For many years it seemed that French, not English, might become the dominant language and culture of all North America — and what a different place that would have made the world today. But finally it was the British who triumphed. Even so, *there are still three million* French native speakers in the US — in addition to those in Canada.

As for La Rochelle, it has many echoes of this saga in its arcaded streets, where the merchants and sea captains once grew rich on American trade. To my mind, *this is the* most attractive coastal town in France, with something of the same quality of, say, Bruges or Dubrovnik. After 1568 it was an independent Protestant republic on the Geneva model. Today, the Protestants are few; but the city-state mentality persists, rather as in Venice. The people seem to inhabit a realm of their own, a city-state of the spirit.

This week, the warm spring sun shone dazzlingly on the scoured white stone buildings. From the lovely Renaissance *mairie* with its belfry and battlements, a maze of paved traffic-free *alleys, lined with chic boutiques*, leads to the Vieux Port, and here the freelance buskers and singers were already active as harbingers of the tourist season.

Down by the old port, the regatta ambience was intense, the yachts festooned with coloured flags, and the pavement cafés full. One typical clue to La Rochelle's style is that all the scores of terrace cafés have identical wicker chairs.

The town is lucky, too, in its idealistic, radical mayor, Michel Crépeau. Not only has he sensitively restored the historic heart of the city and banned much of it to traffic; copying the Amsterdam model he has also, since 1976, introduced a fleet of 300 municipal bicycles, painted yellow, for free use by citizens and visitors. The bicycles have not really done much to reduce car traffic, and some critics dismiss the scheme as a gimmick. Crépeau sees it rather as "part of a process of civic education."

He is also astutely aware that the world-wide publicity given to the Bicyclettes *Jaunes de La Rochelle* has been good for the tourist trade. It has brought the old seaport a new fame as the city of *douceur de vivre*. And Crepeau's local ecological pioneering was rewarded nationally in 1981 when Mitterrand appointed him Environment Minister.

Crépeau also spends four per cent of the city budget on the arts — in unlikely Britain.

La Rochelle has its annual international arts festival (this year, June 24 to July 10), with the accent on contemporary art, music and dance.

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Theatre

A classical centenary

Next Saturday lights will go up in a converted chalk-pit in Berkshire. Enter a Chorus of Persian Elders to intone the majestic opening of the oldest extant tragedy in the Western world. For the centenary production of its Greek play Bradfield College has chosen *The Persians* by Aeschylus, first played 2,543 years ago, and as far as I can see, performed only once before in the original Greek in the modern world. It is a suitably ambitious production for a remarkable English institution.

The Greek play was introduced to Bradfield in 1882 by Head Master Herbert Branston Gray with a performance of the *Alcestis*. He played Admetus himself. The schoolboy critic observed tactfully of his performance: "We cannot too highly praise Mr Gray's Admetus. His part was the chief, and the most arduous, and he performed it as none but a scholar and a genlemanm could perform it." Six years later, inspired by a visit to Epidaurus, he led his boys in coverting the chalk-pit into a scaled down model of the greater Greek theatre. Since then generations of schoolchildren, classicists, and theatre-lovers have huddled from the summer showers and shifted uneasily from buttock on the concrete to watch the roots of our theatre performed as they were originally written.

This year for the first time a girl from Bradfield is in the play, taking the part of Atossa, the Queen Mother. She is not quite the first female to tread the chalk-pit orchestra, since Dr Gray's wife gave several spirited performances as Antigone in the 1880s. These days only half a dozen of the cast of 27 are Hellenists. The rest have been learning their parts, first of all by rote, and always with prodigious labours, since Michaelmas. Christopher Stace, the director and head of classics at Bradfield, spent a term on a fellowship at Oxford to set up the text. The production costs many thousands of pounds, with professionals designing the set and costumes, and composing the music.

It is all very splendid. But in this-day-and-age, when classics are no longer Queen of the curriculum, is it not something of a Victorian Folly? Would the pupils of Bradfield not be more profitably occupied performing Shakespeare, or Pinter, or, for that matter, making transistors?

You could justify it by saying that the boys love it, and would not hear of doing it in English. Schoolboys are conservative little beasts, and like something that makes their school different. You could say that it is the best game that Bradfield plays. Producing a Greek play in the open air is a cross between conducting a symphony and playing chess, and the real hard teamwork is done in drilling the chorus.

The only justification that matters is that it is a nonsuch authentic production of a great play. *The Persae* may not seem much of a play: not a lot of action, not a lot of plot, certainly not a lot of laughs. But Aeschylus went to the heart of universal questions of national pride and its fall, compassion for the enemy, and the paty of war. To put it on in Athens only eight years after the great victory, which he watched and probably took part in, was almost as daring as putting on a play set in Berlin and offering compassion to the Nazis in 1950 in London. On Saturday and in the following week Bradfield College will celebrate its centenary by reviving these still topical questions as they were first posed.

Philip Howard

● The world premiere of Hans Werne Henze's Clarinet Concerto, subtitled "Le miracle de la rose", is to be given in the Queen Elizabeth Hall on May 26 by Antony Pay with the London Sinfonietta conducted by the composer. Immediately after the concert the Sinfonietta embarks on a European tour with the theme of "Henze and the younger generation of British composers"; there will be concerts in Paris, Florence, Rome and Milan as well as in Germany and Switzerland and other northern Italian towns. Soon after that the Sinfonietta will make its first visit to Iceland to play in the Reykjavik Arts Festival.

● More than 70 films, divided into five distinct "seasons", are to be shown in the Barbican Cinema 1 during June. Sundays will be devoted to Shakespeare on film; Mondays bring a tribute to Henry Fonda; Tuesdays feature the work of Luis Bunuel; Wednesdays examine the career of Jack Nicholson. From Thursdays to Saturdays more than 30 films are to be screened in a Special Effects season which ranges from Melies's *Trip to the Moon* to Ridley Scott's *Alien*. The July programme is to include a Jacques Tati retrospective.

● *The Cooler*, a surrealist musical film starring Ringo Starr, Barbara Bach and Paul and Linda McCartney, has been selected to appear in competition in the Best Short Subject category at the Cannes Festival. It will be screened on May 24.



Tristan und Isolde : Gwyneth Jones and Jon Vickers

Opera/William Mann

Tristan und Isolde

Covent Garden

Prommers at the Royal Opera House on Thursday paid £2 to see and hear a thrilling performance of Wagner's sublime love poem. We used to take it for granted that a distinguished Tristan cast must include some German or Austrian, or at least Scandinavian guest principals. The current revival is cast from international strength and all the singers come from Britain or the Commonwealth, the conductor as well.

Sir Colin Davis launched the Prelude with a wealth of intensity and noble orchestral sound not attempting to restrain the weight of its climax, which bade fair to bring down the cupola, but did not dwarf what followed — its effective reprise, at Isolde's "Ich trink sie dir" was at least as powerful. The ROH orchestra was in glorious form rising to all the great challenges with Sir Colin and the singers involved.

The anguished, searing unravelment of thematic *working* in the third act monologue, "Muss ich dich so verstehen" owed much to eloquent woodwind solos, and more to Sir Colin's painstaking exposition, but chiefly to the vocal acting, the rapacious physical intensity with which Jon Vickers accompanied and realized it. Sir Colin invited us to wonder at the magical filigree of the intricate string textures in Brangäne's aubade, it was ultimately the soaring burnished radiance of Yvonne Minton's singing that made the passage so memorable.

The cast includes Donald McIntyre's bluff and true and tender Kurwenal, the tone sometimes frayed at the edges, but confident and less uncomfortable than before; Gwynne Howell's King Mark, touching invulnerability, by no means antique and never boring; Philip Gelling's unusually selfassured Melot. The first vocal music in the opera, the Sailor's song from the crow's nest was attractively and strongly sung by Lawrence Dale.

The special fascination of this revival is London's first opportunity to encounter Gwyneth Jones's Isolde. To note that she drops consonants and often pitches sharp, that she presses unduly upon her instrument until it rasps (even in the Liebstod, which should sound sublimely serene even in life's utmost fulfilment) is to repeat the obvious. Jones's voice is in steady condition, and quite big enough to require no forcing (I blame German audiences who admire a dramatic soprano only when she makes heavy work of her music). Her interpretation of Isolde is potentially a masterpiece, already very riveting.

On board ship she is utterly consumed by humiliation, frustrated fury. As she pours forth her tirades and imprecations, the uninhibited venom of her delivery is contradicted by a facial expression devoid of any communicable feeling. When Tristan enters her quarters, her taunts are pure ice, without sarcasm or even resentment — her grudge and her pride are too great to permit anything so human.

The transition to womanly feeling is marvellous to watch and hear. The workings of the potion on them both is vividly realized in this revized staging by Jeremy Sutcliffe, tidy and lucid. But it is perhaps flawed by the demure behaviour of the lovers in their great duet, and by the device of freezing the actors into a tableau while the music continues, a contrived, not properly helpful effect.

By the second act this Isolde has relaxed into wide eyed girlish naivety and an infatuation beyond her understanding. Jones does not fully visualize the glorious sound of her duetting with Vickers, though he at last has an Isolde worthy of his great tragic Tristan. She shows herself completely woman ahd heroine only after Tristan's death, beginning the Liebestod like some wise-woman in an uplifted trance, crumpling slowly when she sinks down at its end — not yet quite effortlessly.

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Contrary to the statement in yesterday's opera column in *Preview* there are two more chances to hear *Eugene Onegin* at Covent Garden, May 20 and May 22. Kiri te Kanawa has had to withdraw from the revival of *Simon Boccanegra*, which opens next Tuesday, because of family reasons. Her place is taken by the Swedish soprano Helena Dose.

Television/Michael Church

While the *Play for Today* slot remains in the baleful clutches of the *Plays for Tomorrow* gang we must look to other nights for evidence that BBC drama is alive and kicking. No problem: with The Woman in White and Bird of Prey that evidence is ready to hand, and even the wayward Playhouse series is going through an interesting patch. Last week's offering, Rhys Adrian's *Passing Through*, was (if I may respectfully dissent from another view expressed in these columns) a moving and highly accomplished piece of work; Jake's End, By Desmond Lowden (BBC 2 last night) was an equally accomplished essay in that popular genre, the everyday story of bank-robbing folk.

The setting was Southampton, looking very fetching in 57 varieties of sea mist, but the accents were pure Sarf London. Jake (Maurice O'Donnell) was a chubby Bogart lookalike held in awe by his gnarled and pinched accomplices as an infallible fixer of dirty jobs. The story was complicated — not being an aficionado of this genre, I could not follow its more labyrinthine twists — but its essential lines were agreeably tension-inducing.

Pulled one way by his wife's desire for respectability and another by nostalgia for his rough, unprivileged origins, Jake was also caught in the crossfire between two schools of thought in the gangster world. As several heavily sociological stretches of dialogue implied, life on the street was changing, and villains with an addiction to violence were forcing ordinary decent criminals to carry shooters and batter each other with crowbars. Unfortunately for Jake these conflicts came to a head during a very messy bank job, and Nemesis overtook him in the form of a friend he had cuckolded turning up on his doorstep with a hammer.

Looking back, I am in two minds about this play as, I suspect, were its writer and director, for it was much more than a mere nail-biter. The passages between Jake and his wife may have been stiff and stereotyped but the scene in which he revisited his childhood flame had a real, if muted, poetic resonance: for perhaps three minutes we were in a different world. But only for three minutes: the other world, under Jim O'Brien's baton, sprang dizzyingly back into life, every significant detail brightly burnished.

Radio/David Wade

Just how important is IQ?

Mention the name of Professor Arthur Jensen in certain circles and immediately red mists come up before the eyes. Is he not the man who says that intelligence is entirely a matter of genetics and inheritance? Does he not assert that blacks are genetically less intelligent than whites and therefore natural subordinates in the order of things? Is he not some kind of fascist?

Last Wednesday's *The Seeds of Intelligence* (Radio 3) took the form of a discussion between Jensen and Professor A. H. Halsey in which the latter courteously and ably extracted an account of the present state of Jensen's thinking on the heritability of IQ in groups and individuals. *It seemed to me that* that thinking bore almost no relationship at all to what some of its critics declare it to be.

What causes differences in human capacity is an enormously complex subject — so much so, in fact, that it may seem impossible to comprehend. Scientists tend to respond to this by dividing it into small parcels in the hopes of understanding it piecemeal. Their effort is almost inevitably coloured to some extent by pre-existent beliefs about what the picture ought to be — although even this, provided it is conscious, should put the scientist a step or two ahead of the rest of us who in the absence of information adopt beliefs and cling to them, usually with a tenacity in strict proportion to the depth of our ignorance.

We tend to think of IQ as *the* measure of human capacity — probably, I suspect, because it is one of the few ingredients in the soup which can be identified and measured in any way at all — rather as if, in a technically backward society, petrol were the only known element in the workings of the internal combustion engine. But IQ — as Jensen is plainly aware — is only one of the scientist's small parcels and work done on it needs to be assessed with that in mind. That work, according to Jensen, suggests that in crude terms we get some 70 per cent of our endowment from our parents, but he is a very long way from saying that the results are entirely reliable or that environmental factors play no part or only a *very* minor one.

Professor Halsey raised the delicate subject of race and IQ. It seems to be the case that, on the tests administered, black subjects as a group do less well than whites, but — and Jensen dwelt on this — differences attributable to race are far smaller than those occurring anyway within racially homogenous groups and are quite insufficient to justify confident conclusions for social and education al policy, even if we could be sure that the importance of IQ were such as to allow us to do so. All in all then, this was an immensely interesting and useful programme — not least because it revealed a quite different view of a man from that propagated by current demonology.

Five Years (Radio 4, Thursday) might have been constructed as an impressionistic piece on the subject of environment and capacity. It consisted of excerpts from the streets of "Milltown", a housing estate name concocted to preserve anonymity, though obviously less then 1,000 miles from South Wales. Here they sought and found trouble.

Here too they came together again *for the first time in* some while to look back on those five years of gang life. In spite of some divergence in the paths they had since taken that period was still close and clear enough for them to recall what they had done and what they had felt about it — much of which, in its often candid disregard for interests other than their own, was remarkably uncomfortable in the wide "You and Yours" context of Radio 4. Their hero was and is David Bowie and producer Gwyneth Williams had interpolated samples of his music with uncommon aptness to echo and point up the spoken word.

Bridge/Jeremy Flint

The fickle goddess

Whether you regard the Goddess of Chance with affection or distrust, luck indisputably plays an important part in match play as well as rubber bridge.

Some duplicate players fondly imagine that their game is a pure test of skill. How wrong they are. I have learned from bitter experience that you cannot win any pairs event, especially in a field of mixed quality, without your share of luck. Multiple teams events afford a further refutation of the fallacy. It is only long head to head team matches which provide reliable evidence of the relative skill of the contestants. The evidence may be reliable but as I shall demonstrate, it is far from conclusive.

This hand occurred in a vital European championship match between Britain and Italy.

North: ♠8 ♡AKJ ♢AK542 ♣Q1093

West: ♠K43 ♡765 ♢QJ109 ♣865

East: ♠J72 ♡9832 ♢863 ♣742

South: ♠AQ10965 ♡Q104 ♢7 ♣AKJ

Both sides reached the ungainly contract of 6NT. To be fair, the high point count, the two long suits and the duplication in hearts, combine to make it difficult to stay within one's depth. In both rooms, West led the ♢Q. It is obvious that declarer must play on spades hoping to establish the suit for only one loser. The Italian South played a spade to the ♠10. Bravo, Signor! The British declarer finessed the ♠Q. Bad luck!

On the surface, it appears a complete guess. Further consideration reveals that it is not. When the opposing spades are divided 3-3 it is indeed a complete toss up between the finesse of the ♠10 and the ♠Q. But when the spades are divided 4-2 we see that one choice is distinctly superior. Suppose that West has a doubleton honour. If he has ♠Kx declarer is bound to lose two tricks whichever way he plays, but if West has ♠Jx, the play of the ♠Q restricts the loss in the suit to one trick. Today any experienced international player would know the percentage play. It was truly unlucky to lose a 26-point swing because of an opponent's ignorance.

The next hand decided a critical match in the Shingold trophy, one of America's two major knock-out events.

North: ♠AQ8[illegible] ♡AJ10[illegible] ♢KJ43[illegible] ♣K2

West: ♠J1095 ♡765 ♢Q105 ♣852

East: ♠742 ♡[illegible] ♢[illegible] ♣J109[illegible]

South: ♠K3 ♡KQ[illegible] ♢A97[illegible] ♣AQ[illegible]

In the closed room the favourites bid to 6NT. West led the ♠J. Declarer could count three tricks in spades, hearts and clubs, making nine in all. If he could make three diamond tricks the slam was assured. He won the first trick with the ♠K and played the ♢[illegible] to the ♢K. He returned the ♢3 and when East followed with the ♢8 he contributed the ♢9, losing to West's ♢10. Provided that the suit was not divided 5-0, this line of play would guarantee three diamond tricks, regardless of the distribution.

In the open room the underdogs stumbled into the bad contract of 7♢. At IMP scoring, it is reasonable to bid a grand slam if the odds are 17/13 in your favour, as compared with the 2/1 on required to make the contract a sound proposition at rubber bridge. On this hand, the grand slam is approximately 2/1 against. As you can see, with the diamonds lying favourably, there was no difficulty in making 13 tricks.

The losers took their defeat with good natured resignation. Only one thing rankled, which the declarer in the closed room explained. "I don't mind the guy bidding and making a lucky grand slam, if only he had played it correctly, but he didn't. He just bashed out the ♢A and took the finesse." If you have to play that suit for no loser, you must start with a small diamond to dummy's ♢J, because of this possible distribution:

♢KJxx

♢Q ♢10xxx

♢A9xx

If your first move is to cash the ♢A, you lose an unnecessary trick to East's ♢10. If East has the singleton ♢Q you cannot avoid losing a trick. I hope you will not find yourself in a grand slam with such a tenuous trump suit, but if you do, at least you will know how to play it.

Chess/Harry Golombek

Open at any page

Nothing more demonstrates the remarkable growth in popularity of chess than the spate of books on the game in recent years. This is most marked in the subject of openings.

Before the Second World War there were only about half a dozen books in English on openings, much the best being *Modern Chess Openings*. More were written in German, but even there the total was not more than a score. Since the war my own library has acquired at least 500 books on the openings, of which about two thirds are in English.

There is obviously a demand for them, chiefly because of the somewhat fallacious notion that you can win the game in the opening.

Broadly speaking, these books fall into two divisions: those for the expert, consisting of the latest variations seen in tournament or match play, and those for the average player.

The experts, from masters to first-class amateurs, probably total no more than 1,000 in Britain. But a recent survey shows there are about three million chess players in all, so 2,999,000 must be non-experts. Yet most of the books on the openings are aimed at the first group.

The two latest chess books that have reached me for review are both on the openings. *Alekhine's Defence* by Vlastimil Hort (Adam & Charles Black, 256 pages, £6.95) is written by a grandmaster for masters and experts. Apart from the explanation of the symbols used to indicate whether a move is good, bad or indifferent it contains no words and might well have been written by an analphabetic. The cynic might well remark that this might be said of most chess books.

Nevertheless it is a good example of the first group and, as far as I can judge, it is up-to-date and complete. It also contains a valuable section on the Nimzovich Defence to the King's Pawn and on Owen's Defence (once known as the Queen's Fianchetto Defence) written by Ray Keene.

Almost the opposite in aim and intention is *Opening Preparation*, by Assiac & O'Connell (Pergamon Press, 161 pages, £7.95 hard cover and £4.50 flexicover). Brightly written, with Assiac's characteristic relish for the colour and absurdity of the world of chess, it does not set out to instruct yet manages to convey much more instruction about the openings than can be obtained from the first book.

I do not believe any book should be written about the openings in which there is no description of the aims involved and I would have thought that Alekhine's Defence in particular, with its basic paradox of surrender of the centre in order to have an enemy object of attack, was in special need of explanation.

What happens when even such a talented master as Psakhis fails to understand the principles behind his opening can be seen in the following instructive game played in the recent Soviet zonal tournament at Erevan: White: Psakhis, Black: Geller. Queen's Gambit Declined, Tartakower variation.

1	P-Q4	P-Q4
2	P-QB4	P-K3
3	N-QB3	B-K2
4	N-B3	N-KB3
5	B-N5	P-KR3

The opening move of the Tartakower defence which aims at an early development of the QB and dynamic play for Black in the opening and middle game

6	B-R4	O-O
7	P-K3	P-QN3
8	BxN	BxB
9	PxP	PxP
10	Q-Q2	B-K3
11	R-Q1	Q-K2
12	P-KN3	

All up to here as in the Georgadze-Geller game that was played in the second round of this tournament. That game ended in a draw after 12 ... N-Q2; 13 B-N2 KR-Q1; 14 0-0, QR-B1; 15 R-B1, P-B4.

12	...	P-B4

Oddly enough, Geller employs the move with which he secured the draw with Georgadze to bring fresh life into the game. It is indeed logical to take advantage of White's slow K side development to counter-attack in the centre.

13	PxP	

A dangerous surrender of the centre; correct was 13 B-N2 followed by 14 0-0.

13	...	R-Q1
14	PxP?	

This is foolhardy. He should have completed his Kingside development with 14 B-N2, PxP; 15 O-O. Now Geller plays in that wonderfully dynamic style for which he was famous a quarter of a century ago.

14	...	P-Q5
15	B-N2	N-B3
16	NxP	NxN
17	PxN	B-R5 dis ch
18	K-B1	RxP
19	Q-K3	Q-N2
20	P-B3	RxR ch
21	NxR	Q-R3 ch
22	K-N1	R-Q1

Threatening to win the Queen by B-Q5.

23	N-B2	B-Q5
24	Q-K1	BxN ch

resigns, since if 24 QxB, R-Q8 ch, and Black mates in two moves, or if 25 KxB, QxP ch, 26 K-B1, B-B1 and White is helpless against the threat of B-R3 ch.





Shoparound with Beryl Downing

The old ceremonial to put everyone on their metal

Consumer protection at its most ancient and dignified was celebrated last week. No petty wrangling in the small claims court this, but the verdict of the 700th Trial of the Pyx in the lofty halls of the company of Goldsmiths.

Without the trial no consumer is safe, for who can be sure of anything if the coin of the realm is suspect? The serious business of testing samples of all coins for weight, size and purity takes place in February each year. The luncheon to celebrate the findings last week revealed a good deal more than the verdict.

The Master of the Mint, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, for instance, admitted to a fondness for dressing-up — and very fetching he looked, too, in his knee-high black stockings and, one hastens to add, full regalia. Moreover, Sir Geoffrey went on to bare the Treasury's soul by leaking the fact that, for his first two years in office, he was made to hire his tricorn hat, but this year he had been allowed to buy one.

Students of economics will immediately detect evidence of an easing of the country's cash flow problems, despite the fact that the national debt has presumably increased to the tune of £60 or so. The Queen's Remembrancer, Master John Ritchie, Senior Master of the Supreme Court, also contributed his customary witticisms, couched in the most elegant terms, like a director of



the Complete Oxford English Dictionary announcing the annual sales figures to his reps.

He speculated this year on the disadvantages of being a woman and monarch when custom decrees that your head be shown in profile on the coinage and you were not able, like kings, to resort to "hirsute coverage to disguise the slackness of advancing age." Would it not be more flattering, he suggested, to be shown three-quarters face if you were otherwise unable, should it be necessary, to camouflage the "infra-mandibulary droop"? Or, in less-distinguished parlance, if you cannot grow a beard to hide your double chin, try another angle.

The jury who are entrusted to examine the sample coins placed in the pyx, or box, are all members of the company of Goldsmiths, who are fifth in the league table of the livery companies.

Precedence in their case has nothing to do with seniority. The Mercers, at number one, are not the oldest company, but have always seemed to have more clout than the rest. In their case it may have been financial supremacy, but clout is certainly the operative word, for precedence seven centuries ago was often determined by "affray".

At that time apprentices had nothing much to do of an evening after they had finished in their workshops and they used to gather in the streets shouting "my guild is better than yours" or the medieval equivalent of "Put the boot in, Ethelred."

Pitched battles would ensue, involving up to 500 youths, and the winning side achieved a higher place in the pecking order. When the Skinners, in sixth position and the Merchant Taylors, in seventh, came to blows, the result was a dead heat, so the mayor of the time decreed that they were to change positions each year.

But he added that if the mayor in any year came from the company that at the time was lower in precedence, the order should change for his period of office and be restored the following year. This ruling created such confusion that it resulted in the expression, handed down through the centuries, of being "at sixes and sevens."

Those who enjoy tracing such verbal links with history might like to note that Selfridges are having an exhibition of livery companies from June 28 to August 28, which will include all the expressions which arose from the livery traditions and which, like the Pyx, are always with us.







Photographs by Peter Akehurst

A stylish new look for fur

Furs in May may at first seem on the pessimistic side, but this is the time to think about having them cleaned and remodelled before storage. This quilted blouson in waterproofed silk may give you some ideas for turning an outmoded fur into something stylish.

Made by Delba Boutique of Milan, the blouson has detachable sleeves and can be worn as a reversible jerkin. You can have it lined with any fur or you can supply your own to be turned into the lining, which buttons out for easy cleaning.

The silk blouson, unlined, is available to order through Deanfield Furs, Bruton Street, W1. It costs around £275 — fur extra.

Among other furriers who offer a remodelling and cleaning service and who say they are prepared to undertake any job, however small, are Murray Bennett Ltd, 19 South Molton Street, W1, telephone 01-629 2757. Charges for cleaning a mink jacket, for example, are from £11.50 — more, of course, if the skins are brittle or need repair. Advice is free.

Attache case with a bold new fashion look has a selection of stationery to match — all in bubble gum pink on white. Case £16.30 (no mail order), portfolio £2.60 (50p p&p), neckpen £1.31 (21p p&p), memo set £1.73 (26p p&p). All from The Treehouse, 237 Kensington High Street, W8 and Treehouse in the Garden, 275 Camden High Street, NW1 (open Sundays, closed Mondays).

Puzzle in round

Introducing the DIY Insanity Kit — a spherical puzzle studded with coloured beads to be manipulated in the manner of the Rubik Cube, but with an extra dimension — this one rattles.

The sphere, called Orbit, has four unconnected tracks filled with beads in four colours — red, blue, yellow and green. The aim is to fill each track with beads of only one colour — done by turning the two hemispheres and clicking each bead along. And click they do, in all their 592 million million million million combinations. And whoever worked that out must have been pretty dotty, too.

Once you have mastered the simple version, you can make spirals and loops. A leaflet shows all the possibilities.

This diabolical British invention costs £3.99 (£1 p & p) from Hamleys, 200 Regent Street, London W1. I can tell you, I shall go into orbit if anyone ever brings another one within twitching distance.

Shapes plucked from the air

On show for the first time this week is a collection of ceramic planters designed specially for air plants. For those who like the individuality of hand-thrown clay pots, but are unsuccessful at nurturing the conventional plants they usually contain, this seems an ideal solution.

The planters are created by Beth Blick, who has specialized in plant containers for some time but has now discovered the exciting possibilities presented by the types of plants that draw their nutrients only from the air.

Unhampered by the need to provide a container for soil, she has invented a most original series of sculptural shapes in natural, earthy colours, each echoing or complementing the natural flow of the foliage.

"I am interested in the space around the plants, rather than in pots to hold them," she says. "There are about 40 different varieties of air plants, all with different shapes, so the possibilities are endless. You can create whole murals of plants when you don't need soil." And she will, too, to commission, if you wish.

On the planter illustrated, one plant is held in position by an almost invisible nylon cord, the other is simply placed in the fold of the pot. The only care necessary is an occasional spray with water. It costs £28.50 and is one of an exhibition of 44 air planters, each one different, at Heals, Tottenham Court Road, W1 until June 12. Prices are £19 to £89 and there is a collection of small planters at £5.50. Beth Blick can be contacted for special commissions on 01-444 7078.



For the real thing — join the club

It is hard cheese these days for those who really know their Quark from their Elbo. The hermetically sealed rubber sold in supermarkets and even the apparently genuine cow products sold in the local deli, have, I discovered this week, very little to do with real cheese. Most of us have been conditioned to forget what the genuine article tastes like.

I can now speak with authority because I tried a sample selection from the newly formed mail order cheese club launched by Paxton & Whitfield of Jermyn Street, cheese specialists for more than two centuries.

The sampling was a revelation. Gruyere was not, after all, soap. Camembert made the farmhouse way does not come out like sponge. English blue Cheshire is not mousetrap with mould.

Each cheese had been selected at the peak of condition — and the difference was remarkable. The Gruyere, for instance, is specially made and matured in Switzerland for eight months before Paxton & Whitfield will accept it — and each wheel has to be at least 8in deep.

The idea of the cheese club is to reintroduce real flavour to people who have the discriminating palate of the connoisseur, but live too far from Jermyn Street to make their own selections.

Each member receives a monthly selection of five 12oz cheeses, or portions — one English, one blue and three foreign. With the cheese comes a newsletter and a set of coloured leaflets giving information on the history and manufacture of each.

The charge is £9 a month, but there is no annual membership fee and you are not committed to a delivery every four weeks. With each selection comes an order form and if you don't fancy the next flavour of the month you can wait as long as you like before ordering again. There are ten selections a year and twice a year members may choose to reorder their favourites.

More information from Paxton & Whitfield Cheese Club, 93 Jermyn Street, London SW1Y 6JE, telephone 01-930 9892. Believe me, you will never serve pre-formed plastic with your ploughmen's lunches again.

If you are looking for some rather special wine to match the quality of your cheese, Sotheby's New Bond Street, W1, will be selling more than 1,000 lots from rare private collections on June 2 at 10am, 2.30pm and 7pm. Included will be clarets from 1861 to 1975, an 1898 Chateau d'Yquem and five lots of the forbidden fruit — absinthe.

My gourmet weekend did not stop at cheese. Tesco sent me more than a taste of honey — four 1 lb jars of their new own label selection, in fact. Pure Mexican and Pure Australian are both 75p but a touch undistinguished for my taste, but Acacia at 87p, which is light and clear, and Pure Canadian at 90p, tasting like clover petals dipped in butter, are both delicious.

I also tried some of the interesting and unusual fresh vegetables from Vinegar Joe's, a newly opened up-market supermarket in Hampstead. The aim of owner Martin Dyer is to introduce customers to a range of foodstuffs they might not have met before and he has special deliveries every week direct from Rungis market in Paris.

This week he had fresh basil from the South of France, red lettuce, inch long Japanese artichokes, pleurottes — the French mushrooms that taste like fillet steak — tender baby spinach (£2.20 lb, but 60p's worth serves two as there is no waste).

There will be different seasonal selections each week for, as Martin Dyer says, there is no point in importing mint once you can get it in your own back garden. Best time to go to Vinegar Joe's is Thursday evening — or Friday morning if the customs have held up deliveries. The address is 68-69 Hampstead High Street, NW3.

The Times Cook/Shona Crawford Poole

Brunch and onwards

Over easy. Sunny side up. Short stacks and hash browns. The language of breakfast is an intriguing introduction to the mysteries of the American way of life. One such puzzle is the topsy-turvy truth that the best breakfasts arrive in a flash in greasy spoon diners, and the worst, slowly in large hotels. In this area short-order cooks have got food and beverage managers licked.

Bacon and eggs are the basis too of that other splendid American institution, Sunday brunch. Two of this week's recipes are from an American friend who rates jogging, or sneaking back to bed for another snooze higher than juggling frying pans on a Sunday morning. She bakes brunch.

The third dish, *spaghetti alla carbonara*, is of course Italian. This is one of the ways bacon and eggs are eaten in Italy and the recipe does not include cream as it sometimes does in Anglo-Italian restaurants. The bacon should ideally be *pancetta*, an unsmoked variety which looks rather like a giant salami. It is often found in Italian grocers, but English bacon, smoked or unsmoked to taste, is an acceptable substitute.

All these dishes are equally at home on a lunch or supper table and useful standbys when there are unplanned-for mouths to feed.

Ham and cheese soufflé sandwich
Serves four

- 8 slices crustless white bread
- 4 slices cooked ham
- 4 slices Cheddar cheese
- 3 large eggs
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon dry mustard
- 300 ml (½ pint) milk

Make four unbuttered sandwiches with the bread, ham and cheese. Lay them in one layer in a lightly buttered oven-proof dish. Beat the eggs with the salt, mustard and milk and pour this custard over the sandwiches.

Bake the dish, uncovered, in a pre-heated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about an hour, or until the custard is puffed and firm. Serve immediately.

Cheese and egg bake
Serves four

- 110g (4oz) grated Cheddar cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 4 tablespoons single cream or milk
- Cinnamon, salt and pepper to taste

Sprinkle half the cheese over the base of a buttered oven-proof dish. Make four shallow depressions in the cheese and break an egg into each dip. Sprinkle the remaining cheese and the milk over the eggs and season them lightly with ground cinnamon, salt and pepper.

Bake the dish, uncovered, in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for 20 to 25 minutes, or until the eggs are set as you like them. Serve on its own, on slices of hot buttered toast, or, best of all, on split and toasted muffins topped with thinly sliced, lean gammon steaks.

Spaghetti alla carbonara
Serves four to six

- 225 g (8 oz) pancetta or streaky bacon in one thick slice
- 4 cloves garlic, peeled
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 30 g (1 oz) butter
- 4 tablespoons dry white wine
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 450 g (1 lb) spaghetti
- 3 large eggs
- 85 g (3 oz) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoons finely chopped parsley

Chop the *pancetta* or bacon into sticks or dice and bruise the garlic cloves with the flat of a knife. Heat the oil and butter together in a small saucepan and add the *pancetta* or bacon and garlic. Cook them together until both are golden, and add the wine. Boil until the wine is well-reduced, then discard the garlic. Keep warm.

Cook the spaghetti, uncovered, in plenty of boiling salted water and drain it as soon as it is tender but still has a little bite in the middle of each strand.

Meanwhile, break the eggs into a warmed serving bowl. Add the cheese and parsley and a generous sprinkling of black pepper. Beat lightly together. Add the hot spaghetti and toss it in the egg mixture until it is well coated. Add the *pancetta* or bacon with its fat and toss the spaghetti again to combine the ingredients.

Serve immediately.

Gardening/Roy Hay

Planting profitably

Still in my money saving vein may I suggest ways of filling our gardens with biennials and perennials at low cost—always provided we have the patience to wait one, or two years for our flowers. Today I am thinking about hardy border flowers from seed. Later I will look at rock garden plants which may be raised from seed or propagated easily by cuttings.

This is the time to sow the orange or yellow Siberian wallflowers, varieties of *Cheiranthus allionii* which, as they always do, have come through the bitter winter unscathed. The ordinary wallflowers should be sown now too, and there is a new dwarf variety "Carmine Bedder" in the Hurst Garden Pride range. Wallflowers sown now and lined out when large enough, fed and watered will provide large bushy plants for setting out in the autumn.

So too with foxgloves, myosotis, sweet williams, Canterbury bells, daisies (Bellis perennis, varieties) and Iceland poppies. Sown soon in boxes of seed compost, in a cold frame or under some cloches they may be pricked off and grown on until they are ready to plant in the autumn.

Look in catalogues and indeed in the racks of seed in garden centres for F_1 hybrids—they are always worth the extra money. I make no excuse for enthusing about the new F_1 pansies, "Azure Blue", "Sunny Boy" and "Sunny Gold" yellow, "Imperial Light Blue" and "Imperial Yellow", "Indian Boy" rich red and the several F_1 mixtures available.

We raised a good number last year and now we are reaping the benefit. The plants will flower for many weeks. All through the winter we have had some pansies in bloom — some even reappeared quite cheerfully in flower after the snows melted.

The genus *Campanula* is really remarkable for the number of fine garden plants it has given us. Those suitable for the rock garden I hope to deal with another day when I offer ideas for raising rock garden plants from seed.

But I would like to mention here both the blue and white forms of the chimney bellflower, *Campanula pyramidalis* a splendid hardy biennial; as its name suggests it makes a shapely plant about three to four feet high or even more. It is also a splendid plant to grow in a large pot or tub to flower in a cold greenhouse, sun lounge, or to grow outside and bring into the hall or a large room just as it comes into flower. I first saw it, in full flower, three plants in large pots or small tubs lining the entrance hall to some chateau in Touraine when I went on a school tour of France.

They were selling seeds of it at the souvenir stall and I spent some of my precious francs on a packet. Father, I remember, was not very impressed by my gift, as his house in Hyde Park did not have a hall big enough to display a tubful of this handsome species. We have a sun lounge however and have planted up several large pots with the idea of bringing them indoors towards the end of the year.

The modern varieties of biennial flowers may be counted upon to come very true and even from seed. So too will some perennial flowers, but with others the seedlings may show considerable variation. It is not generally realized that vast numbers of perennial flowers sold in small pots or containers in garden centres have been raised from seed so that there may well be variation in colour, size of flower, or height and habit of plants.

This does not matter very much if we raise these perennials from seed. If out of a batch we decide to discard some of the less desirable seedling forms this is no great loss and one can then proceed, in time, to propagate the better forms by division or cuttings, whichever vegetative means is appropriate.

Of course, so many people are in a great hurry these days and are prepared to spend between 50 and 100p for a small perennial plant. If they have patience they may raise quite a lot of plants from a packet of seed costing from 25p upwards according to the variety.

This is an area where cooperation between several friends pays off handsomely. If they club together and buy a packet of say a dozen or even more different perennial seeds and share out the seedlings, in a couple of years they can have some really colourful beds and borders.

The nearer these perennials are to the original species, the less likely they are to show wide variations in the progeny — *Lychnis chalcedonica* is perhaps the most vivid scarlet herbaceous plant; *Statice dumosa* and *S. latifolia*; the everlasting sweet pea, varieties of *Lathyrus latifolius* in a mixture of red, rose or white flowers are fine value; the balloon flower, the blue *Platycodon grandiflorum* 'Mariesii'; the Chinese Lanterns, *Physalis franchetii*), *Incarvillea delavayi*, *Dictamnus fraxinella*, the burning bush; and *Malva alcea fastigiata* — all these breed very true from seed.

Modern strains of the following may be relied upon to give a good percentage of excellent seedlings: lupins, delphiniums both tall and dwarf, *Scabiosa caucasica* varieties, coreopsis (not to be confused with the annual varieties), gaillardias hemerocallis, monarda, kniphofia (red hot poker) and penstemons.

The Suez parallels that could swamp Mrs Thatcher

by David Carlton

"There are always weak sisters in any crisis and sometimes they will be found among those who were toughest at the start of the journey." In this one sentence in his memoirs, Anthony Eden revealed the extent of his bitterness at the conduct of some of his contemporaries during the Suez affair.

Without doubt he felt particular contempt for Hugh Gaitskell, who at the time of Colonel Nasser's seizure of the Canal had reacted with even more rhetorical venom than any Government minister. "It is all very familiar", he declaimed in Parliament. "It is exactly the same that we encountered from Mussolini and Hitler in those years before the war."

But as soon as it had become apparent that the Government was preparing in the last resort to use force, Gaitskell began to emphasize the need to do nothing without the sanction of the United Nations. Hence within a few weeks of Nasser's coup — long before any collusion with Israel had begun — the tone of the Opposition's questions to the Government had entirely ceased to have a bipartisan flavour. A despairing Eden said to Iverach McDonald of *The Times*: "Poor country, how can we do anything when divisions are pressed so hard?"

As Mrs Thatcher listens to the present Leader of the Opposition she might reflect on how history is repeating itself. Michael Foot's initial reaction was robust in the extreme. But having played a full part in arousing an irresistible public appetite for risky military action, he is now slithering towards the Peace Party. Meanwhile Denis Healey has taken to asking awkward Parliamentary questions clearly intended to undermine public confidence in Her Majesty's minister's and which have no doubt been noted with appreciation in Buenos Aires. *"Poor country, how can we do anything when divisions are pressed so hard?"*

Despite these and other obvious distinctions, the parallels with Suez at this juncture seem quite as striking as the differences. For example, neither crisis could be settled rapidly. Military unpre- paredness meant that in each case a long fuse had to be lit.

This in turn was bound to create opportunities for leading actors, at home and abroad, to modify their initial positions. The support of allies tends to erode; the attitude of the media and of public opinion may undergo considerable fluctuations; political supporters and opponents of the Prime Minister have plenty of time to discover unexpected policy refinements, possibly leading them to new alliances of convenience.

For any Prime Minister, prolonged crises of this type must greatly increase that sense of loneliness and vulnerability which goes with the post at the best of times. The inevitable stress and anxiety, combined with the endless flow of telegrams and meetings, is almost bound to undermine the Prime Minister's capacity to avoid mistakes that will seem obvious in retrospect.

Another parallel between 1982 and 1956 is the timidity with which the military response has been approached. Consider Mrs Thatcher's unwillingness to issue a formal ultimatum or to declare war. Is there not a certain piquancy in her decision to follow in this respect the example of Eden rather than that of Neville Chamberlain?

The Iron Lady, in contrast to the Man of Munich, has accordingly been seen floundering when questioned whether or not prisoners are prisoners-of-war. Again, like Eden, Mrs Thatcher has decreed that minimum force should be used and that attacks on the aggressor's heartland should be avoided. Those who wage quasi-wars rather than all-out wars should not be surprised if they end up with quasi-victories or even quasi-defeats.

But in 1982 no less than in 1956 there may be limits to what can be attempted in circumstances in which United States interests are, to say the least, not entirely identical with those of Great Britain.

Another parallel between Mrs Thatcher and Eden is their willingness to contemplate and even have discussions about a negotiated settlement involving something other then the restoration of the *status quo ante*.

In 1956 Lord Hankey, the former Secretary to the Cabinet, and a man of vast experience, was bitterly critical of Eden's decision not to demand the reinstatement of the rights of the Suez Canal Company. When, instead of keeping matters simple, Eden called for the internationalization of the Canal he opened the door to interminable negotiations involving both the US and the UN.

This was of inestimable value to Nasser, who desperately needed time both to reach the onset of winter and to allow indignation about his coup to wane. The comparison with the present slithering towards talks about UN trusteeship for the Falklands is all too obvious.

I have emphasized that the present crisis, like that of 1956, has become in part a domestic political contest. The opportunism of the Opposition is of course transparent. But there may be another dimension to the domestic aspect of the crisis. If Eden's experience is any guide, Mrs Thatcher may well be having to face, behind closed doors, the opportunism of colleagues.

In Eden's case, troubles within his own Cabinet room reached serious proportions when he produced a plan for, in effect, secretly inciting Israel to attack Egypt, thereby enabling the British and the French to seize the Canal on the pretext of separating the combatants.

He had to face opposition from two divergent quarters. First, Walter Monckton, the Minister of Defence, made clear his disapproval of the use of any kind of force. Then R. A. Butler opined that so devious a means of tackling Nasser would be risky; instead he unexpectedly and for the first time in the crisis called for a straightforward assault aiming openly at recovering British property.

Though Eden's devious plan was approved, neither Monckton nor Butler resigned from the Cabinet. Instead they bided their time, being in a position if anything went wrong, to execute a pincer assault on the Prime Minister from diametrically opposite positions.

Meanwhile Monckton scurried to inform the American Ambassador, Winthrop Aldrich, that he considered the forthcoming war would be a "great blunder". This hint to the Americans as to what was afoot was clearly an act of utter treachery to his own Prime Minister.

Eden's troubles with his colleagues came to a head on November 6 1956, by which date British troops had already occupied a part of the Canal Zone. Harold Macmillan, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, whose earlier bellicosity had been, in Bracken's words, "beyond description", suddenly demanded a ceasefire because of speculation against sterling.

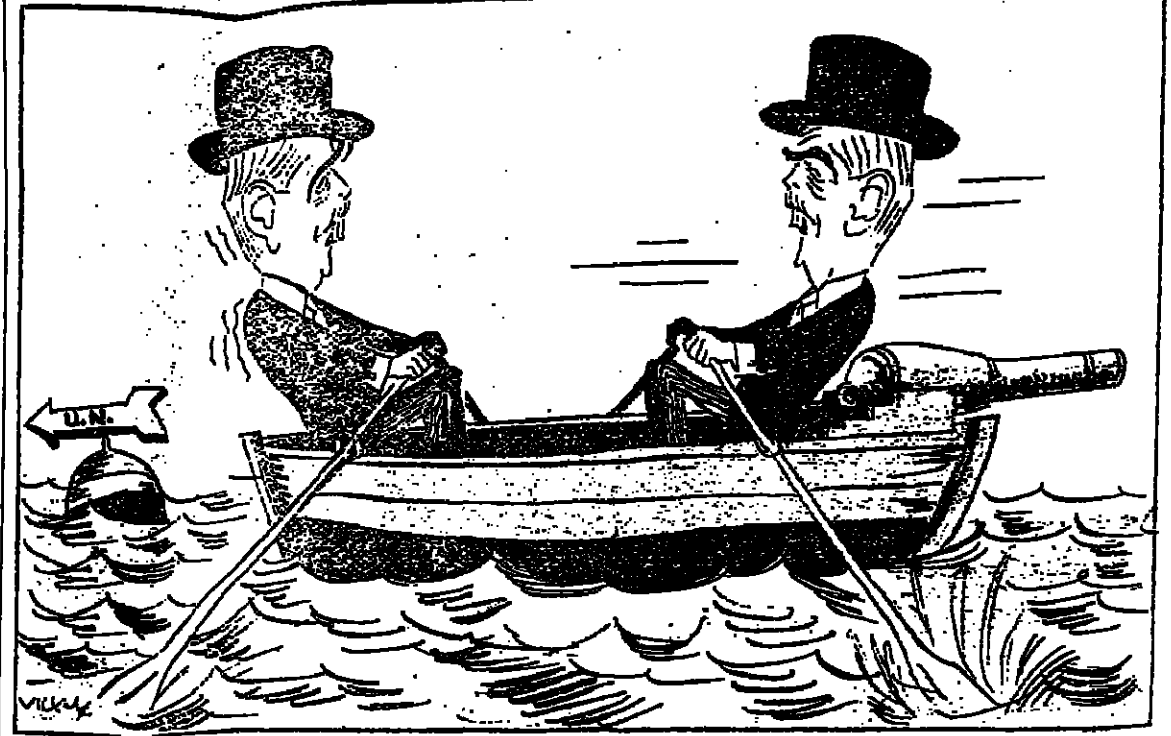
And other colleagues, doubtless including Monckton and Butler from their mutually inconsistent standpoints, eagerly joined in the clamour for a step that was bound to leave Eden's venture parently in ruins. Facing simultaneous pressure from President Eisenhower, Eden probably had no alternative but to yield.

Nor did Eden's troubles end with the ceasefire. For in the ensuing weeks Eisenhower set out to humiliate him. The President did not lack friends in the British Cabinet. Ambassador Aldrich later recorded in a note, now preserved at Princeton University:

"... the President just went off the deep end. He wouldn't have anything further to do with Eden at all. He wouldn't even communicate with him ... The problem was solved in a manner which never has been made public even now, although perhaps some people suspected it at the time ... Salisbury and Rab Butler and Harold Macmillan were willing to discuss with me the situation which had arisen between the United States and Great Britain and I became the channel of communication between them and Washington ... The meetings were confidential because it became necessary to by-pass the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary.

Eden duly resigned early in 1957, ostensibly on grounds of ill-health. He thus had ample justification for making the comment with which this article opens. Colleagues even more than the Opposition were deserving of his strictures. Mrs Thatcher may need both luck and a cool head if she is to avoid history's repeating itself.

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How Vicky saw the Eden dilemma — a Daily Mirror cartoon of August 17, 1956

Why Mitterrand is no Harold Wilson

As English and French politicians and academics meet in Edinburgh this weekend, R W Johnson measures the new Socialist government against the English Labour government of 1964.

When Francois Mitterrand swept to power at the head of the French Socialists a year ago there was an eerie similarity between the situation in which his administration found itself and that of the Wilson Government in Britain in 1964. In both cases the left's long absence from power (13 years in the British case, 25 in the French) meant that there was an almost explosive weight of hope and expectation backed up behind the Government as it arrived, triumphantly and at last, in power.

The dangers of anti-climax in such a situation are not just psychological but political: in Britain we are still living today in the backwash of the disastrous disappointment of the 1964-70 Government, as the fragments of a whole radical generation wars over its broken hopes.

Mitterrand, like Wilson, had many political debts to pay off. To head his Government he appointed Pierre Mauroy, very much a French Jim Callaghan: avuncular, reassuring, and lacking in either financial judgment or technical expertise. The Socialists' young Turk, Jean-Pierre Chevenement, got the Ministry of Technology, just as Tony Benn had in 1964.

The President's most serious long-term rival, Michel Rocard, was isolated in a relatively minor ministry, just as his British equivalent, Roy Jenkins, had been under Wilson. Like the 1964 Labour Government, the new administration was bursting not only with talent but with opinionated and inexperienced men and women who talked too much and quarrelled too openly.

Above all, Mitterrand's administration, like Wilson's, was faced by the immediate challenge of an over-valued currency under acute pressure.

Mitterrand faced this challenge with a grit and determination that Wilson never showed. Despite the visible unhappiness of his finance minister, Delors, he fulfilled his pledge to take communists into the Government. The currency was held over the summer until a well-managed devaluation could be staged in the autumn. The television networks were purged of their Giscardian toadies. The minimum wage, pensions and social security benefits were all increased.

When the Minister of Justice prevaricated over dismantling France's authoritarian edifice of national security laws, he was promptly fired and replaced with the country's leading civil rights lawyer. The nationalization of a whole third of French industry and all the banks was rammed through despite fierce parliamentary and judicial obstruction.

The shock was considerable. Partly, the French were simply dazed at the extent of the peaceful revolution for which they had voted; partly, they were astonished by the realization that Mitterrand, long regarded as a scheming old fox, was intent on doing exactly what he had said he would do.

A year on, the Government is clearly in trouble. Mitterrand has — again in contrast to Wilson — left Mauroy and his ministers a pretty free hand, the results have often been chaotic. Almost alone the communist ministers have been loyal, circumspect and kept their heads down. But the Government is not pulling together as a coherent team and Mauroy's increasingly maladroit performance suggests that his Prime Ministerial days may be numbered.

Over this somewhat confused scene Mitterrand presides in almost regal style. Even the occasionally acid remarks he drops at his ministers' *faux pas* have only reinforced his image of calm serenity. He is seen now, far more than he was a year ago, as a true man of principle. Ironically, although he has done more for French Socialists than any man alive, he is regarded as a president above party to a degree only exceeded by de Gaulle.

Probably it won't last. Perhaps the key moment in the last year was when Mitterrand intervened personally to overrule Mauroy and insist, under strong communist pressure that the reduction in the working week to 39 hours must be made with no reduction in pay.

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Le Canard

The fact that the French record on growth and employment is so much better than either Thatcher's or Reagan's will not of itself be enough if unemployment goes on rising. Before long Act One must end, probably in a major Government reshuffle. After that Mitterrand will have to shoulder his share of the blame, too.

To date, though, it has been an astonishing performance. Mitterrand is still not seen as a partisan socialist, but more as a determined and principled republican whose creed incidentally includes the socialist programme. The fact that he is grandly unconcerned about re-election (he will be too old anyway for that) helps strengthen his image of Gaullian *hauteur*. He is determined, rather, to stamp his mark indelibly on France for generations to come. His Government's "state of grace" is over, but his own endures. It would still take a bold man to say that Mitterrand will not add his name to the pantheon of Gambetta, Ferry, Clemenceau and de Gaulle.

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Graham Sutherland: portraits of the artist down the years









Sutherland

Life with a difficult genius

On the eve of the first major retrospective exhibition of Graham Sutherland's pictures for almost 20 years, the painter's biographer, Roger Berthoud, describes the problems of his search for a portrait of the man and his work.

Few relationships can be more taxing than that between a biographer and his subject, be the latter alive or dead. At the height of my involvement with Graham Sutherland, it became almost obsessional: I thought of little other than him and his work, dreamed about them, and kept coming across Sutherlandish trees and objects on my daily walks across Hampstead Heath.

My mouth watered as I pored over some of the more memorable meals he had eaten on the French Riviera, carefully noted in the engagement diaries which his widow Kathleen had lent me. I pulled my hair in exasperated affection at another example of his capacity to be his own worst enemy. With his name so often on my lips, he seemed to become part of our household.

Only occasionally was I really put off by his behaviour: to write the biography of a subject one grows to dislike must be a distressing experience, given the intensity of the involvement. How my relationship with the man himself would have evolved had he not died halfway through my researches is a matter for conjecture.

Some of the marginalia of our first encounter may give a flavour of the man. It was in 1961, at his home in Trottiscliffe, Kent. I was working on the Londoner's Diary of the *Evening Standard*, and this was to be my first feature-length interview. The occasion was the imminent publication by Lund, Humphries of what remains the most penetrating study of his work, by his redoubtable friend and protagonist of those years, Douglas Cooper.

Perhaps, given my inexperience, it was a slightly tense occasion. How else indeed to explain why Kathleen wrote — as we subsequently discovered, to our amusement — in her diary that day: "*Evening Standard* reporter R. Bertoul (sic). V. hostile and unpleasant". As for the following day, it bore the entry: "Filthy article by Bowness" (in *The Observer*). Yet there, 20 years later, was Berthoud writing the authorized biography and Alan Bowness presiding, as director of the Tate Gallery, over the largest retrospective exhibition of Graham's work.

Doubtless I had been nervous, but hostile? Overwhelmed rather by the Sutherland charm, to which relatively few people — mainly woman — were immune.

Typically, and no doubt for a variety of reasons, he sent me a telegram of congratulation when my flattering article appeared. Henry Moore, I recall, was noticeably cool about it when I bumped into him at the cheese counter of Holland & Barretts shortly afterwards in Bishop's Stortford.

I met Sutherland occasionally thereafter, once at Willie Maugham's Villa Mauresque at Cap Ferrat (or Cap Ferret, as the first proof of my book nicely had it), and sometimes had to telephone him: his patron and friend Lord Beaverbrook, the *Evening Standard's* proprietor, liked him to be well covered.

Kathleen, the beautiful Cerberus, was not always easy to get past. Then, after a six-year spell as a *Times* foreign correspondent, I interviewed him again in the summer of 1978, in the Pembrokeshire whose power to inspire him he had rediscovered in 1967.

"It's one of the reassuring things in life how little Roger has changed", I remembered — nay, treasured — him saying to Kathleen shortly after he had, with typical courtesy, met me in his overpowered Jaguar at Haverfordwest railway station. He alas, increasingly handsome up to the age of 60, had aged somewhat, and needed a stick to support an arthritic knee.

At some stage of a longish day together, I commented on the apparent lack of a biography on him. True, he replied (yet odd, his voice implied). I recalled the implicit encouragement when the prolonged suspension of *The Times* a few months later finally removed the last excuse for not confronting my potential mediocrity as an author.

With typical initial enthusiasm, he readily agreed to be my first biographical subject; and we discussed "your project" as he tactfully called it, over lunch at the Connaught Hotel, by then his habitual London resting place.

This is the life, I thought, toying with a *coulibiac de saumon*, and envisaging perhaps 24 hours of taped interviews with him, topped up with a few dozen with his closer friends and associates. Conversation with him was always a delight: he took a keen interest in public affairs, kept in touch with the art world, had a quick, often feline wit, and a flattering capacity to listen and pounce on a good idea, thus combining good manners and intelligence.

He warned me that he tended to be overcommitted and must give priority to his work. But all seemed to start well. He gave me a short list of friends I might usefully talk to. Yet when I went to Wales again in the summer of 1979 for our first full working encounter (he went there twice a year from his main home above Menton, near France's Italian border), his mood seemed clouded. He was, he eventually admitted, having doubts about the book. Impressionable as ever, he had been nobbled by a friend I had interviewed, who had passed on some of my questions. He was worried by their trend, and it took many reassurances about my seriousness before the sun of his charm shone again.

Later he showed me one of his favourite estuaries, and then we settled down in his hotel in Milford Haven for a talk. I produced my Japanese cassette recorder. "You don't do good shorthand?" he asked wistfully, and I felt undermined again. Yet he spoke well and frankly about his somewhat unhappy childhood, hitherto an unknown part of his life and doubtless the key to his seminal insecurities.

He was thoroughly friendly, if initially a bit nervous, when we met a few weeks later in Kent for another interview; and a session at the Connaught that autumn went just about ideally, even if he missed a quip of which I was proud. He had observed that his pre-marriage conversion to Roman Catholicism was not at the hands of Jesuits, though he had known plenty — they could, he observed wryly, persuade one that black was white. "Rather unnerving for a painter", I commented, but he seemed not to hear.

When he was back in Menton, we exchanged long question-and-answer letters; and I looked forward to a visit there in the spring. But he was tiring increasingly quickly, and losing too much weight. It seemed to be a liver problem. In early February 1980 he was taken from Wales to the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead, just down the road from my home. So near, yet so far: he saw only Kathleen and a handful of intimates. It was horrible to think of him suffering there, but cancer did its work swiftly, and ten days later he was dead.

Strong men, including his dealer, wept at his passing, for he inspired a rare amount of affection.

With my central witness gone — we had got systematically only to his early manhood — my researches took on a different character.

It was during the writing and rewriting that my sense of living with him became most intense, and I was amazed how much became clear when seemingly unrelated products of my research were put together. Far from being thrilled or relieved when I delivered on schedule, I felt rather bereft, like a parent who has handed over a lovable but difficult child to foster parents who may not appreciate it. But, happily, my publishers seemed genuinely delighted, and I like to feel that even the perfectionist Sutherland would have smiled on the design, at least, of the final product.

'He spoke well and frankly about his somewhat unhappy childhood, hitherto an unknown part of his life and doubtless the key to his seminal insecurities'

Roger Berthoud is the author of Graham Sutherland: A Biography *published this week by Faber and Faber. The exhibition opens at the Tate Gallery on Wednesday.*

Geoffrey Smith

One fight the SDP can't lose

It now seems clear that Dr David Owen, not Mrs Shirley Williams, will stand against Mr Roy Jenkins for the leadership of the Social Democratic Party. At a meeting between the two of them on Tuesday evening an informal understanding was reached that Mrs Williams would stand aside in Dr Owen's favour. That assumption held good when they talked again on Thursday. But it has been decided not to make any public statement at this moment when the Falklands crisis may be coming to a critical point.

It might appear unseemly to be making a personal bid for power at such a time. It might also exacerbate the resentment that already exists within the party at the prospect of a contest.

For some time it has been taken for granted that Mr Jenkins is the favourite to become the Social Democrats' first parliamentary leader. It even seemed possible that he might be elected unopposed. But once it was announced at the beginning of this week that the party had voted for the election to be conducted among all SDP members, it was certain that there would be a contest. The question was simply whether Mr Jenkins would be opposed by Dr Owen or by Mrs Williams.

Either of them would be able to secure the five endorsements from their parliamentary colleagues that are necessary for a candidate to stand at all, but Dr Owen would probably be able to command rather more support than Mrs Williams in the parliamentary party.

What must matter rather more for Dr Owen is that he has won plaudits on all sides for his performance during the Falklands crisis. As the SDP spokesman he has displayed the grasp of a former Foreign Secretary and the personal firmness to measure up to grave events.

Perhaps the comparison that is widely made with Mr Jenkins's semi-silence may be unfair. Mr Jenkins is not the party's foreign affairs spokesman in Parliament, and he may have judged that it would be indelicate to appear to be challenging Dr Owen for the limelight. But this is not an entirely satisfying explanation. The delicacy of protocol should not be the first consideration for a political leader in a crisis, and when Mr Jenkins has spoken he has been less impressive than usual.

Dr Owen has grown in stature, not only absolutely but in relation to Mr Jenkins, in the course of the Falklands trauma.

Even so, many of his own supporters do not believe that Dr Owen has a serious chance of winning the leadership. Before the Falklands crisis it was generally assumed that he would win fewer votes than Mrs Williams would be able to secure among the mass membership, and that may still be true. His stock has risen, but he remains the outsider. Why then is he bothering to stand?

The feeling that the party expects a leadership contest, and that it will benefit from the excitement engendered by the struggle, is genuine. But it is not the only, or even the principal, reason why Dr Owen will be entering the lists. More important is the belief that he stands for a different conception of Social Democracy; that he would lead the party in a different direction and that, even if he cannot win, he may force Mr Jenkins to make certain commitments under the pressure of the race.

The difference between them cannot so easily be pinned to specific policies. It is more a matter of style, tone and tactics. Mr Jenkins is thought to be rather more cautious, more wary of committing himself and the party to particular policies — though one must add that nobody has poured more scorn on the foolishness of programmatic politics than Dr Owen. Above all, Mr Jenkins is believed to represent the idea of the SDP as a centrist party, standing for the lost consensus that has now been abandoned by Conservatives moving to the right and Labour to the left, whereas Dr Owen is the standard-bearer for a left-of-centre party.

It follows that Mr Jenkins is more eager to collaborate enthusiastically with the Liberals, while Dr Owen looks upon cooperation with them essentially as a tactical necessity for the moment. A marriage of convenience perhaps; more likely a temporary liaison, with advantage but no passion. Those Social Democrats who want to keep their distance from the Liberals will be right to vote for Dr Owen.

He does not get on so well with Mr David Steel, and there would then be considerable difficulties in determining which of them should lead the Alliance. The idea of a third person — in other words, Mr Jenkins — leading the Alliance without leading either of the parties in it has not met with favour.

The problem would not arise if Mr Jenkins were elected leader of the SDP. He gets on well with Mr Steel; he believes in close, and probably still closer, collaboration between the two parties, and at one stage might even have joined the Liberals; and, as an older man, could lead the Alliance without dashing Mr Steel's hopes. It would, indeed, suit Mr Steel to gain experience as deputy to Mr Jenkins with the expectation of the succession.

The Jenkins forces are no doubt put out to find that they will have to fight for a position that after Hillhead they had believed to be rightfully his. Mr Jenkins has more experience of politics and government than any other possible candidate, and it seemed after his by-election victory that he would be generally accepted as the natural leader. Mrs Williams even spoke of him in such terms on television at that time. Indeed, from last summer she had been saying to her closest friends and colleagues that he would be the best person to lead the party.

There is also the fear that a contest, particularly one that emphasizes conflicting ideologies, may split the party. Whether this fear proves to be justified will depend upon the nature of the campaign. A contest is now not only inevitable but desirable. The party would feel cheated if it were not given a choice. The SDP could benefit, especially after its disappointing performance in the local elections, from the public attention that an election for office always attracts.



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ONE MORE YEAR

Negotiations on reducing Britain's payment to the European Community have been going so badly that the Government probably has no option but to try to negotiate for a one year holding arrangement with a promise to try again next year. If the figures are right such an arrangement could be good for Britain but it will be bad for the Community. It will mean that the whole messy wrangle will start again in 1983, just in time to get embroiled in the next general election. Constant argument over who should pay the bill is no way to make the Community a force for progress.

Britain has been looking for a relatively long term agreement on the Budget question with guarantees of extra payments if things go wrong. The other Community countries have been offering a shorter period (three years instead of five) with a fixed scale of payments. They have also been offering less money than Britain wants, so that this year the United Kingdom would make a net contribution of around *£500m. This* is not good enough, even as a temporary agreement.

There is no reason why Britain, one of the poorest Community countries, should be the biggest payer. If the government agrees to an unfair arrangement this year it will rule out any chance of doing better in later years. That is not acceptable, and the other members of the EEC should show they recognise this fact by increasing the size of their offer. If they do not do so, the government would have no choice but to press on with its demands at the cost of great disruption to the Community.

That cost could be very great. Britain has been delaying agreement on a new round of farm price increases in an attempt to put pressure on other Community countries to increase their offer on our Budget contribution. That tactic shows little sign of having been successful, but it has caused great problems for the Community as a whole. It is in everyone's interest to come up with a settlement which allows the problem to be solved.

The natural government preoccupation with the crisis over the Falklands means that now is a bad time for the UK to try to come up with proposals which deal with the Community's long-term budgetary problem. But that problem has to be solved.

The present system has two main defects. The first is that too high a proportion of Community revenue is raised through levies on imports of food. This is bound to put a country such as Britain, which is not self-supporting, at a disadvantage. Although the United Kingdom has switched its sources of supply to some extent it is still bound to be a significant net importer from the rest of the world, which means that its *gross* contribution to the Community's funds will be large. The second defect in the current system is that the Community spends too much money on agriculture and not enough on other things. This imbalance in spending hits Britain hardest because we have a smaller farming population; but it is a problem for the Community as a whole, which has long been recognized as such.

Recognizing a problem is not the same thing as solving it and the Community's efforts so far have been less than half-hearted. This year's farm price settlement, with increases of more than 10 per cent will make matters worse. The Community needs to carry out a thoroughgoing reform of its activities and financing going far beyond the specific problem of Britain's contribution.

The question which the Government has had to face is whether this is the time when long term reform can be carried through. Most of the factors point against it. The United Kingdom needs the support of its European partners over the Falklands affair. Although they are unlikely to desert us simply because of a disagreement over farm prices, a major row over European finance now would weaken the unity which has been achieved.

Nor do the circumstances within the Community suggest that long-term reform is ripe. Little progress has been made on reforming the structure of Community spending. There is, as yet, no consensus that the system of finance should contain what amounts to a safety net to prevent a country such as Britain facing *unexpected increases* in its bills from the Community.

The United Kingdom would thus be right to agree on a one-year arrangement, accept agreement on farm price increases (though reluctantly) and work constructively to reach a better solution next year. The two conditions which the Government should insist on being met are that this year's rebate be more than the £450m offered and that a new agreement be negotiated next year.

PANORAMA'S BLIND SPOT

When the presenter of a television programme joins the attack upon it, it is evident that this is not a simple battle between broadcasters and politicians. It is important that this should be appreciated, because otherwise those who were unhappy at last Monday's *Panorama* might conclude that this justified the more general hue and cry over the BBC's coverage of the crisis. In his courageous letter, which was published on this page yesterday, Mr Robert Kee made it clear that he was criticising the programme not because the minority view was heard on it — he expressly approved of that — nor because it gave offence to politicians, but because he believed it had failings in broadcasting terms.

The purpose of the programme — as explained by its editor, Mr George Carey, in another letter — was to examine the minority view and the reasoning behind it. So four backbenchers, two Tories and two Labour, all of them critical of Government policy, were interviewed; as was the chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr Cecil Parkinson, whose conversation with Mr Kee concluded the programme.

It is a familiar television technique to build up in the first part of a programme a case *which* the *principal* interviewee is then invited to answer. This did not work on this occasion for two reasons. Most of the specific assertions of the critics were not subjected to sufficient scrutiny; and the juxtaposition of these sharply contrasting views was liable to give the casual viewer a misleading impression of the balance of parliamentary opinion.

It is true that it was stated that the critics were a minority. But the impact on the viewer who is not well informed on the range of parliamentary opinion has to be considered. He could well conclude as he saw one backbencher after another, from different parties, putting the case against the Government — with no backbencher setting out the other point of view — that ministers *were pursuing their policy in* the face of a generally sceptical, if not openly hostile, House of Commons.

It is evident that a good many people felt that this was the message conveyed by the programme. This was not what the programme-makers themselves intended. It was not what the programme actually said. But, as everyone knows, the general impression created by a television programme is critical. The objection to it in this instance is not that it affronted the politicians, but that it was misleading; and to be misleading in this way at such a time was bound to cause much offence.

The impression could have been avoided by including a mainstream Conservative *backbencher* and a Labour supporter of his own front bench, as well as the dissidents. The effect would have been to blur the sweet simplicity of the contrast between Mr Parkinson and the critics. But it is one of the fallacies of television that sharply conflicting opinions have to be the staple diet of current affairs. Too often that underestimates the seriousness of the audience for such programmes even in normal times. But these are not normal times. The graver the crisis, the less the public needs to have its interest stimulated, and the more necessary it is to portray the full scene as accurately as possible.

To express these criticisms is not, however, to join in the chorus of hysterical complaint against the programme-makers. They have not been anti-British or treacherous. They have simply produced a programme to which certain objections have been made, which should be coolly examined by the BBC without any corporate defensiveness. The more the BBC is prepared to take criticism of an individual programme on its merits, the more readily will it be accepted that whatever the failings of this particular edition of *Panorama* they do not justify the more sweeping accusations against the Corporation's general coverage of the Falklands dispute.

The BBC has an obligation to inform its audience in this country and overseas of all the facts, comforting and dismaying, and of all shades of opinion, supportive and dissenting. It has in general performed that duty well and politicians in an over-excited frame of mind will do the country disservice if they allow a justifiable indignation over a particular episode to lead them into a campaign of pressure and persecution.

GOURMETS OF ENGLAND UNITE

The British have an undeserved reputation for disgusting food. Our national cuisine has had a bad press, from Alfred's invention of *Gâteau Athelney Flambé* to Samuel Johnson's recipe for salad, "a cucumber should be well sliced, and dressed with pepper and vinegar, and then thrown out as good for nothing"; and from our lumps of sweet suet that inspired the French to nick-name us *les poudings* to our alleged gulosity for chips with everything. It is quite unfair. Anybody who minds his belly at all is nervously aware that the land is rich with regional delicacies: the jellied eels and mushy peas of the East End; the tripe and onions of the North-West; the potted heid, the haggis and bashed neeps of Scotland; the traditional English breakfast of fatty bacon and well greased egg. Anybody who minds what he eats will have noted, with a shudder, the recent British fad for health-food shops, wholemeal cooking, Royal Jelly, and other delicious sacraments that go with the religion of jogging.

The reputation of British food has now been *vindicated* in a more systematic way than personal observation of the kitchens and dining-rooms of the land. Gallup this week published a social survey of the values that Britons cherish above all others, a kind of vox pop barometer of the best of British value judgments. A carefully selected sample of the population, stratified by sex, age, income, and cholesterol intake, was invited to answer a great many impertinent questions about what it valued most and how happy it was. The main findings were unsurprising and encouraging. Top of the league table of our values come health and family life; bottom by miles come politics and religion. But food and drink are rated surprisingly highly by a representative sample of a nation supposed not to be able to discriminate between whelks wth vinegar and *Délices de Sole Brillat-Savarin*. No fewer than 43 per cent rated the pleasures of browsing and sluicing as very important, and 39 per cent as quite important. Food and drink were valued more than sex, *success*, and sport. Savings, entertainment, even holidays matter far less to Britons than what they get up to at the table. Only 8 per cent of them rated politics as very important. Contrary to our John Bull image, we are a nation of *closet* gastronomes and oenophiles.

The social survey records that more than half the homes in Britain now have freezers; that Britain is third in the international table of frozen food consumption; and that, estimating just on the price of raw ingredients, home-made cakes are more expensive than the frozen equivalents. Eat your heart out, King Alfred. These last findings were particularly gratifying to the company commissioning the social survey, our largest firm of freezers of food. It may be we are meant to mark by our answers to questionnaires God's scorn for all polls and surveys. It may be beer is best. But we are the gourmets of England; and at last we have spoken out.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Standing firm on the EEC Budget

From Mr Robert Jackson, MEP for Upper Thames (Conservative)

Sir, A malign coincidence has brought together internal and external crisis in the European Community, both affecting Britain. Over this weekend we are seeking to renew the Community's sanctions against Argentina at precisely the same moment as we are asking for very substantial budgetary payments from the Community, and blocking the adoption of the European farm price package.

In this conjuncture there are many voices arguing that the Government should relent on our claims with regard to the Community Budget. Their arguments should be resisted.

As M Cheysson's remarks show, the Community's governments are not so crass as to make a link between the two sets of issues. If they were to do so, I for one would doubt the value of support accorded on such a basis, given that its principal purpose must be to impress Argentina with the intensity of international feeling against her.

The issues at stake in the dispute about Britain's net contribution to the Community Budget are of fundamental importance. The amounts of *money* involved should not be under-estimated, a potential net payment every year which, if uncorrected, could be of the same order as Britain's total aid to the Third World, or even greater.

But even more significant are the principles which Britain is trying to establish in the Community Budget — that the pattern of net payments through the Community Budget should bear some relation to capacity to pay, and that the overall structure of Community policies should reflect a balance of advantage for all member states.

Neither of these principles is yet embodied in the Community Budget. Both of them are not only important British interests: they also embody the highest interests of the Community. This is why the British Government must stand firm on this front, as on others.

Yours, etc,
ROBERT JACKSON,
4 Churton Place, SW1.
May 13.

From Mr Derek Prag, MEP for Hertfordshire (Conservative)

Sir, Really, only one thing needs to be said about Mr Simmerson's letter (April 30) criticizing somewhat colourfully my views on the European Community's solidarity with us in the Falklands dispute: as usual, he's got it all wrong.

He says there is nothing about exports in the European Community support measures. There is. Then, to illustrate what our partners can continue to export to Argentina, he picks out the very item, arms, on the export of which the EEC immediately imposed a total ban.

How unfortunate for Mr Simmerson, too, that he didn't have a chance of reading beforehand your leader entitled "Time to be nice to Europe" (published appropriately on the same page as his letter), in which you talk of the Community's "prompt and unanimous show of solidarity", the "almost miraculous" speed *with which it* reacted, and the need, "in our calculation of British interests, to assign a substantial and positive value to the promotion of harmony and cooperation within the European Community".

It was also bad luck for him that he didn't wait for today's *Times* (May 1), in which Nicholas Ashford writes: "The American measures fall well short of the trade and economic sanctions adopted by Britain's partners in the European Community".

It would have been difficult indeed for Mr Simmerson to have been more wrong, and unfortunate, than he was. But then, when it comes to Europe, I'm afraid he's addled, quite.

Yours faithfully,
DEREK PRAG,
The Euro-centre,
Maynard House,
The Common,
Hatfield,
Herts.
May 1.

The jury system

From Mr T. R. M. Simon

Sir, Last year I sat on a jury at the Inner London Crown Court, and we were told by the Usher that if we had any questions, to submit them as a note to the *Judge, through him*. I did so in a theft case and, as a direct result, the Judge asked the prosecution for further evidence. This turned out to destroy their case and turned a probable conviction into a certain aquittal.

I suggest that an explanation of how to ask questions should be a standard part of *jury briefing* in the future.

Yours sincerely,
T. R. M. SIMON,
94, Manchuria Road, SW11.

Woman on patrol

From Mr Brendan Halpin

Sir, A 19-year-old woman police constable has been injured in an attack by thugs. This brave young lady had been given the "equal opportunity" now granted to her sex to go on solitary foot patrols in the depths of the night in a not always law-abiding city.

I am sure that I am not alone in being shocked at this. We must be the only mammalian species to use its females to preserve the communal peace. The present policy shames us all.

Yours faithfully,
BRENDAN HALPIN,
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Charlbury,
Oxfordshire.

Keeping an eye on Falklands reporting

From Dr Timothy Hollins

Sir, Your correspondents on the broadcast coverage of the Falklands crisis (May 13) have raised a number of interesting points. Sir Angus Maude criticizes BBC interviewers, with some justice, for asking exclusively negative questions of the "But isn't this likely to alienate . . ." variety. Does this not itself indicate that the preponderance of those interviewed are supporters of the line which the Government has taken?

The BBC is clearly in a quandary. It demonstrates support for the majority view by giving greater air-time to adherents of the present policy than to dissidents. Yet at the same time it feels morally bound by the paramount position it accords to "right" and "truth" to question all such statements. That the corporation spends much time discussing and questioning Government decisions and actions is thus, paradoxically, proof of its general acceptance of the line the Government has taken.

This present attack on the BBC by those who genuinely feel that it is failing to act in the national interest only reinforces the need for an "off-air" broadcasting video-archive where material which is subject to criticism can be objectively analyzed. It is appalling that whilst all printed publications are deposited in copyright libraries, the broadcast material which informs our democracy and dominates our culture is very largely lost.

This is particularly true of news and current affairs programmes where often neither a transcript of a spontaneous interview nor a recording of a live programme is kept by the broadcasting organization concerned. Whilst welcoming S. L. Blackmore's call for an open-access monitoring unit, therefore, I would suggest that a full-scale off-air broadcasting video archive is even more desirable, as well as being both technically and economically feasible. It should be established without delay.

Finally Mr John Stokes describes broadcasting as "in essence only a branch of 'show business' ". Lord Reith's original conception was of broadcasting as "the nervous system of the body politic" and "an integrator for democracy". Have we advanced so far as to believe that these ideals are incapable of realization? I venture to hope not.

Yours faithfully,
T. J. HOLLINS,
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Oxford.
May 13.

From Mr Anthony Chinneck

Sir, As someone who until retirement at the end of 1976 had spent four years as Deputy Chief of Public Relations at the Ministry of Defence, may I, through your columns, entreat ministers, members of Parliament and journalists to stop the present outbreak of mutual recrimination over the reporting of events in the South Atlantic area before it gets out of hand.

It is inevitable that ministers, because they are so close to events and have responsibility for action, will at times resent the way those events are reported. It is also inevitable that journalists will not always be convinced that ministers, through their various channels of communication, are giving the full story and will seek out other sources of information. These are basic facts of life and are healthy in our free society, even though they must also be a potential source of friction between the two parties.

Therefore unless the Govenment decides to take full wartime powers over the control of information, which presumably it has no intention of doing, ministers must be prepared to accept occasional reporting which is not to their taste. Equally, journalists must be very careful not to damage this country's interests by careless selection of news or clumsy phrasing, while retaining their freedom to comment and criticise. But above all both parties must recognise that the national need is for a unity of purpose to which each must devote a considerable effort.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
ANTHONY CHINNECK,
13 Winchelsea Road,
South Croydon,
Surrey.

From Sir Charles Mott-Radclyffe

Sir, It seems unlikely that the Intelligence Branch of the Argentinian Ministry of Defence has been unduly overworked at this time of crisis. The British media has kindly provided than with information on a scale which seems little short of hair-raising to those of us of riper years who served in World War II. The fact that there has been no formal declaration of war in no way diminishes the risks to the lives of those serving with the task force.

The Argentinians have been told the size and composition of the task force; what its capabilities are and are not; the options open to the force commander; the fact that the sad loss of two Harriers reduced the number available to 17 (if I remember correctly) until they can be replaced by 20 now on their way, and the estimated time of arrival with the squadron. This sounds much more like the media's assessment of the chances of retaining or losing the Ashes in a Test series between England and Australia than of hostilities when lives are at risk.

Mr Peter Snow, of the BBC TV Centre, tells us (May 8) he hopes that "most members of the British public would be as concerned as we would if we were expected to cease this constant questioning [of 'those who have power to direct events'] particularly at a time when so many lives are at stake".

Of course the British public have a right to know what is going on, but the element of *security must surely be taken* into account. The information hitherto so readily available through the media and read and heard by the Argentinians can hardly be said to have reduced the casualty risk to our servicemen in the South Atlantic.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES MOTT-RADCLYFFE,
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Matlaske,
Norwich.
May 10.

From Lord Jenkins of Putney

Sir, Shaken by cries of "treachery" in the Commons I asked to see a videotape of the cause of the uproar.

I made notes as I saw it and, while I claim no scientific accuracy, my estimate was that about four sevenths of the programme was pro-Government; rather more than two sevenths showed reasonable doubt or criticism of one sort or another; and in less than one seventh something of the Argentine case was heard. As a whole it was much more effective pro-Government propaganda than if it had been completely uncritical. If the Prime Minister, her less perceptive backbenchers and their heated correspondents were allowed to have their way they could not long enjoy their present widespread support on the issue. The BBC knows its business best.

But even if it is true that the general effect of the programme was cooling, is not the BBC *performing a public service in* seeking to deflate the balloon of jingoism before geographical reality does it much more painfully?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH JENKINS,
House of Lords,
May 12.

From Mr E. W. L. Barlow

Sir, There has been considerable discussion in your columns of late about the morality of war and, in the most recent, with the South Atlantic crisis in mind, you have called upon St Augustine's teaching on the just war.

A point which strikes me is that all those presently on their way to the Falkland Islands are professional fighting men paid to go anywhere at any time on our behalf and irrespective of the moral case for doing so. What does St Augustine have to say to them? Very little, I would have thought, for there is no way in which any of them could be given a guarantee that every operation in which he might become involved throughout his service life could satisfy St Augustine's requirements for a just war. Rather, it would seem that no Christian basis exists for bearing arms professionally.

Is this really so?

Yours faithfully,
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The Baptist view

From Mr Bernard Green

Sir, It appears that on the Falklands issue the Churches cannot win. In the BBC "Sunday" programme Church leaders were taken to task for their "deafening silence". On Monday your correspondent, Clifford Longley, argued that statements made last week by the Baptist Union Assembly and the British Council of Churches would have been better left unsaid because we lacked the political competence to make them. Then on Tuesday you featured Ted Harrison's "Onward whose Christian soldiers?" repeating the arguments that Christian leaders must debate and question the moral issues and not be afraid to be heard on "the undiluted Gospel message".

It is true that we do not have inside knowledge of events; they change so rapidly that within an hour of my writing they may be considerably different. What I would wish to emphasize is that even at this late stage every attempt should be made to achieve a solution by non-violent means.

The concept of two nations slugging it out against one another is a dangerous and expensive anachronism. It is an anachronism because it smacks of nationalism and we live in a global village. It is dangerous because it could so easily lead to an *escalation* of war beyond both nations' control and may not stop short of a nuclear holocaust. It is expensive because many human lives are at risk and too many have alreasy been lost.

The seeds of future strife are being sown; this could produce a highly volatile situation in which a nationalist solution has to be maintained from a distance for many years to come.

It was for such reasons that Baptists in their Assembly last week stressed the necessity of an international solution through the United Nations, urging our Government to avoid escalation of the conflict by all possible means. Is it too much to ask that Britain should have the courage to give a moral lead to the world?

One thing is crystal clear, God loves both nations and desires peace between them. If we claim to be Christians we must work and pray with others for a solution as near as possible to the goal for which Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy will be done on earth".

Yours sincerely,
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May 4.

Catholic Church and contraception

From Mr Keith C. Clarke

Sir, Monsignor Leonard's letter on "Following the Pope on contraception" (May 8) is deeply touching. We learn that Cardinal Hume joins with the Pope in wanting "better arguments" to underpin the assertions in *Humanae Vitae* — assertions modestly described in the encyclical itself as axiomatic. I wish them well. But they are on dangerous ground.

If these novel arguments manage to repair the shattered credibility of the Catholic Church's traditional moral stand on many matters affecting the family, it will truly be a triumph for the working of the Holy Spirit. But if they simply turn out to be a rehash of the tautological apologetics of old, such efforts will be rewarded by an exodus from the Catholic Church even more dramatic than that experienced since 1968.

My own memory may be longer than that of Monsignor Leonard or, alternatively, my perspectives different. Thirty years ago in the North of England priests often preached to "family congregations" about the evils of contraception, and tawdry little Catholic Truth Society pamphlets upon this and related topics festooned just about every church bookstall.

As to the forthcoming papal visit, it might be more honest to say that some members of the Catholic community await it with not a little trepidation. What will the good man say? Maybe that the principles *enshrined* in *Humanae Vitae* are self-evident truths? If he does, it could chance that this ostensibly fatuous document will finally, and tragically, prove itself to have been "prophetic" in a sense entirely different from that understood and intended by Cardinal Hume.

I express these sentiments with a heavy heart: first, as a professional lawyer engaged for 20 years in advising family courts; secondly, as a barely discernable member of the Catholic community.

Yours faithfully,
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May 10.

From Mr B. J. Whelan

Sir, Commenting on Monsignor Leonard's letter (May 8), Mr Robert Nowell's letter which you publish today (May 12) pleads for a little bit of honesty in the Church on the matter of the morality of contraception.

Did we not get some from Monsignor Leonard himself? His acknowledgment that the Pope, as well as Cardinal Hume, wants "better arguments" to underpin the teaching of *Humanae Vitae* is the nearest I have seen the Hierarchy come to admitting that the existing arguments are not good enough.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD WHELAN
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May 12.

Sharing lending right

From Mr Peter Owen

Sir, Lord Willis's letter (May 1) fails to take into consideration that the Publishers' Association has been closely involved in negotiations with successive governments throughout the campaign.

The Society of Authors originally admitted that any revenue from library borrowings was part of publishers' volume rights, and a division of proceeds was fixed at 25 per cent to publishers and 75 per cent to authors. Under pressure from the militant authors running the unofficial alternative association, they eventually renounced this agreement.

If authors were able to be their own publishers they could not hesitate; however they realize that a publisher's investment of expertise and capital is essential if a book is to be successfully published and distributed.

When a library buys one or two books from a publisher, each copy may be read by as many as 50 people, with resultant loss of sales to both publishers and authors.

At this time, when publishers are reeling, and are having to turn down many novels, some of them quality books, surely it is in the interests of authors to have more secure and adventurous publishers and not attempt to defraud them of what is part of their inalienable right?

A book is a partnership between author and publisher without which there would be nothing for library readers to borrow!

Yours faithfully,
PETER OWEN,
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May 1.

Out of site

From Mr Timothy J. M. Gray

Sir, Your diarist in *The Times* of Monday, 10th May, 1982, in announcing the conversion of 62 Rodney Street, the birthplace of Mr Gladstone, remarks that this distinguished residence has stood empty recently.

Now I'm wondering where I've been these last two and a half years.

Yours invisibly,
TIMOTHY J. M. GRAY,
62, Rodney Street,
Liverpool.
May 12.



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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 14: The Prince of Wales, having arrived in the Royal Train, this morning opened the new British Rail Station at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

His Royal Highness then drove to the Open University, Walton Hall, opened the new BBC/OU Production Centre, naming it the Perry Building, and afterwards received an Honorary Doctorate of the University.

The Hon Edward Adeane was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, President of The Prince's Trust, was present this evening at a Concert give by Status Quo in aid of the Trust at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr Francis Cornish, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this evening attended the Fire Service Ball in aid of the Council for St John in Gloucestershire, at the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh and was received upon arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel M. St J. V. Gibbs).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 14: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, attended by the Dowager Viscountess Hambleden, Sir Martin Gilliat, Sir Ralph Anstruther and Air Vice-Marshal John Severne, arrived at London (Heathrow) Airport this afternoon in an Aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Paris.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 14: The Duke of Gloucester, Colonel-in-Chief, The Gloucestershire Regiment today received Lieutenant-Colonel Robin Grist on relinquishing command of the 1st Battalion of the Regiment.

The Duchess of Gloucester as Commandant-in-Chief of St John Ambulance Brigade in Wales was present this evening at The May Ball held at the Orangery, Margam, Glamorgan.

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

The Queen will hold an investiture on July 21.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Royal International Horse Show, Wembley, on July 21.

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will give a garden party at Buckingham Palace on July 22. The Prince of Wales will attend.

Zara Phillips, daughter of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips, is one year old today.

The Royal Africian Society and the Royal Commonwealth Society regret that their joint meeting to be addressed by the Prime Minister of Zimbabwe, Mr Robert Mugabe on Tuesday May 18 is cancelled.

Men who build for eternity

If the Pope's visit to Britain this month takes place he will see two of the notable buildings of the twentieth century. Though very different from one another, the two Cathedrals at Liverpool are immensely impressive both in design and workmanship. What may not be so obvious to a visitor is that one is built above a crypt whose basic material is stone and which is sunk, as it were, in natural rock; the other is built altogether of stone and stands erect upon the spur of rock which constitutes St James's Mount.

Sir Edwin Lutyens, who was commissioned by the Roman Catholics, envisaged a cathedral second only to St Peter's in Rome and it was to be built of stone. The island of Gozo, off Malta, possessed stone of an unusually fine quality and from its quarry blocks were shipped over to Liverpool to be used for the first stage of Lutyens's design.

Much earlier in the century a quarry on the outskirts of the city had been given by Lord Salisbury to the builders of the Anglican cathedral and for 70 years loads of its fine sandstone were transported to the building site.

What is now particularly significant is that these two religious buildings represent the final expressions of an urge which has motivated human endeavour over a period of more than six Millenia, the urge to build a symbolic form of indestructible permanency and to do so by using what seemed to be indestructible material, rock or stone.

On the island of Gozo, at Gigantija, there stands one of the most remarkable examples of prehistoric temples. Enormous pillars of stone form the circumference and inside are chambers defined by stone partitions. It is believed to have been constructed in about 4000BC, but nothing is known of the people who were the builders. The rock shrines scattered around Europe constitute what Mircea Eliade has called "the enigma of the megaliths". All that seems clear is that man wanted to build for eternity.

I have stood near the temple at Gigantija in the late afternoon when all around was silent. Then across the stillness came the sound of vesper bells from the stone churches erected with such devotion by the Gozitan Catholics of modern times. One, at Xewkija, built since the Second World War, has a dome comparable in size to that of St Paul's Cathedral in London.

But has the era of building in stone come at last to its end? I find it impossible to imagine that (except perhaps for comparatively small buildings) stone will ever again replace modern materials such as steel and concrete and glass, which were used for the building of the Metropolitan Cathedral at Liverpool when Lutyens's design had to be abandoned.

Yet rock and stone have provided the material for the construction of some of the wonders of the world, some of the most beautiful of all religious works of art. The Hebrews loved to sing praises to God as their rock, their fortress, their strong tower, a shelter in a time of storm.

In the New Testament there was a striking development, for Jesus, God's Messiah, was called "a living stone", the corner stone in the new temple of living stones, the fellowship of those who believe in him. Here is permanence of a different kind, that of life which has triumphed over death and which is generated by personal relationship rather than symbolized by long-enduring material.

Different as they are in outward appearance, the two cathedrals at Liverpool have one striking feature in common, as indeed have all cathedrals. It is the central place of the cross in their furnishings and ceremonial arrangements. And at Coventry the symbolism finds unique expression. When the stone fabric of the old cathedral was reduced to rubble in this age of high explosives a cross of nails was set up amidst the ruins, "towering o'er the wrecks of time".

Today the altar in the old cathedral has two crosses, one of charred roof beams, one of nails, together with the simple but imperishable words "Father, forgive". We are unlikely to erect any more majestic buildings in stone. The yearning for permanency can still find a focus in the cross of one who reigned from a tree.

F. W. Dillistone

John Manning

Graham Sutherland's striking eagle, a trial woven panel for his Coventry Cathedral tapestry, being hung at the Tate Gallery in preparation for the Sutherland Memorial Exhibition which opens on Wednesday.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. J. Blundell-Williams and Miss K. J. Phillips
The engagement is announced between David John, only son of Dr and Mrs J. E. Blundell-Williams, of Tenbury House, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, and Karen Judith, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Phillips, of The Village Farmhouse, Upton Warren, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Mr T. C. Devas and Miss H. M. Rowland
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the late Mr A. J. Devas and Mrs E. C. Picht, of Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, and Helen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. G. Rowland, of Worcester Park, Surrey.

Mr P. Embiricos-Coumoundouros and Miss N. Martin
The engagement is announced between Philip Alexander, son of the late Mr and Mrs Alexander E. Embiricos-Coumoundouros, and Nitzia Eugenia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rafael R. Martin, of Panama City.

The Rev T. E. Holme and Miss L. A. S. Bass
The engagement is announced between Thhomas, youngest son of Dr and Mrs J. Home, of Mallerstang, Cumbria and Annabel, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs A. N. Bass, of Caterham, Surrey.

Mr K. R. A. Nordgreen and Miss C. E. Hall
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr Knut Nordgreen, of Vadso, Norway, and Mrs Hinde, of Wisborough Green, Sussex, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Hall, of Petersway, York.

Mr I. R. J. Sinclair and Miss A. E. Topple
The engagement is announced between Ian Roderick Hames, younger son of Mrs E. L. Sinclair, of The Croft, Sutton Courtenay, Oxon, and the late Mr E. L. (Jock) Sinclair, and Amanda Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Topple, of Heathfields, Woodham Road, Redhill, Surrey.

Marriages

Mr S. Maitland-Lewis and Mrs M. C. Datzmann
The marriage took place quietly at Chelsea Register Office on Friday, May 14, between Mr Stephen Maitland-Lewis, of London SW3, and Mrs Monika Datzmann, of Munich and Florida.

Mr S. M. Meharg and Miss C. J. Hudson
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 8, 1982, at Cranemoor United Reform Church, Walkford, between Mr Sean Meharg, and Miss Christine Hudson.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net before tax paid):
Barclay, Mr Theodore David, of Higham, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, former director of Barclays Bank and the Bank of Scotland, and chairman of Sun Alliance and London Insurance £277,690
Barton, Mrs Agnes, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire £227,455
Hamilton, Violet Irene, of Chobham, Surrey £492,379
Lyell, Mrs Agnes Caroline, of West Hampstead, London £302,447
Murray, Mary Cecilia Scott, of Southport, Merseyside ...£593,502
Sherowit, Mr Cecil Guedalla, of Bramcote, Nottinghamshire £293,859
Vick, Mr Charles Douglas, of Enfield, London £217,328

General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

Colonel Sir John Gilmour, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Gilmour, arrived in Edinburgh yesterday to take up residence at the Palace of Holyroodhouse.

The Ceremony of the Keys took place in the evening. At a dinner held afterwards the guests were:
The Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, the Earl and Countess of Dundee, the Moderator of the General Assembly and Mrs Doig, Dame Anne Bryans, the Lord Lyon and Mrs Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lieutenant-General Sir David and Lady Young, Vice-Admiral and Mrs R R Squires, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs D C A Lloyd, Lord and Lady Kilmany, the Principal of St Andrews University and Mrs J Steven Watson, the Very Rev Dr Peter and Mrs Brodie and Mr Alasdair Duncan-Millar.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Cranley Onslow, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday given in honour of the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Burundi, Lt-Col Edouard Nzambimana.

Dinners

HM Government
Francis Pym Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a dinner at Admiralty House yesterday given in honour of the French Minister for External Relations, M Claude Cheysson.

British Safety Council
Lord Robins of Woldingham was guest of honour at a dinner held at Grosvenor House last night to mark the presentation of National Safety Awards to industry, by the British Safety Council. Dr Douglas Latto, chairman, members of the Board of governors and Mr James Tye, director general of the council, were present.

Old Haberdashers' Association
The Old Haberdashers' Association held their annual dinner at Haberdashers' Hall last night. Mr A T White, President, welcomed the principal guests who were Mr W A Twiston-Davies, Master of the Haberdashers' Company, Major-General Sir John Bates, Mr D A H Sime, Mr W F Barling and Mr B H McGowan Headmaster of Haberdashers' Aske's School, Elstree.

Gray's Inn
Thursday, being the Grand Day of Easter Term, the treasurer, Mr Justice Mars-Jones, and the Masters of the Bench of Gray's Inn entertained at dinner in hall the following guests:-
Lord Wilberforce, Lord Lowry, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, Sir Robert Megarry, Sir John Arnold, Treasurer of the Middle Temple; Lord Justice Watkins, Lord Justice Ackner, President of the Senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar, Sir Alan Mocatta, Treasurer of the Inner Temple, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Beetham, Sir Edward Pickering, Judge Miskin, QC, and Mr Michael Williams.

Service dinners

Royal Corps of Transport
Members of the Institution of the Royal Corps of Transport held their annual dinner at the RCT Headquarters Mess last night. Major-General W. Bate, president was in the chair. The guests were:
General Sir Edwin Bramall, Major-General J F Hughes, the Right Rev Michael Mann, Mr D R C Andrews, Sir Kenneth Newman, Major D R Baker (retd), and the Rev W J D Down.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers
The annual dinner of the Royal Welch Fusiliers was held at the Hyde Park Hotel last night. Major-General P. R. Leuchars, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire
The regimental dinner of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire was held at the Army and Navy Club last night. Major-General H. M. Tillotson, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

4th British Division
The annual dinner of the 4th British Division was held yesterday at the Connaught Rooms. General Sir Geoffrey Musson was in the chair. Major-General A. E. Brocklehurst and Major-General P. F. Palmer also attended.

Middlesex Regiment (DCO)
The annual dinner of the Middlesex Regiment (DCO) Officers's Club was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. Lieutenant-Colonel T. W. Chattey presided. Mr A. D. Scudamore was the principal guest.

Machine Gun Corps
The Machine Gun Corps Officers' Club held their annual reunion dinner last night at Simpson (Piccadilly) Limited. Brigadier E. W. C. Flavell was in the chair and received the guests.

Nomenclature appeal aimed towards industry

By Tony Samstag

The oil, pharmaceutical and agricultural industries are to be principal targets of an effort by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature to raise between £50,000 and £70,000 per year, without which it may have to cease functioning.

Lord Cranbrook, who is leading the appeal, said such companies had a particular stake in the activities of the commission because of the "need to be sure that their zoological and palaeontological staffs are communicating internationally and using contemporary research with a uniform nomenclature".

The commission, founded in 1895 and working from the Museum of Natural History in London, is the only international arbiter of scientific names among the 1,100,000 living and fossil animal species.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Lowther
The Lord Lieutenant of Clwyd was present at a memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel Sir William Lowther held at Overton-on-Dee Parish Church yesterday. Canon Peter Jones officiated. Major Sir Charles Lowther (son) read the lesson and the Hon Nevill Hill-Trevor gave an address.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr R. Q. Crellin to be honorary consultant in orthopaedic surgery to the Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital, Woolwich.
Sir Bernard Miller to be chairman of the University Council of Southampton University in succession to Dr S. E. Clotworthy.
Mr K. F. Dibben to be treasurer of Southampton University in succession to Sir Bernard Miller.

Kennedy scholarships

The following have been awarded Kennedy scholarships for the academic year 1982/1983:

Harvard University: M Bird (Emmanuel College, Cambridge); Alison Cawley (Emmanuel College, Cambridge); S Gardner (King's College, Cambridge); S Julius (Magdalen College, Oxford); R Millar (Queen's University Belfast); Jacqueline Newbury (Keble College, Oxford); Una O'Brien (St Anne's College, Oxford); A Pomiankowski (New College, Oxford); K Theakston (London School of Economics).
Massachusetts Institute of Technology: R Davies (Christ's College, Cambridge); Rosanne Wetenhall (Worcester College, Oxford); A Whittle (Imperial College of Science and Technology).

The Kennedy scholarships were established in 1966 by the trustees of the Kennedy Memorial Trust from funds raised by the national memorial appeal which was launched by the Lord Mayor of London after the death of President John Kennedy.

English-Speaking Union

Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, chairman of the East Region of the English-Speaking Union and vice-president of the English-Speaking Union of Sri Lanka, welcomed the Sri Lankan High Commissioner as guest of honour at a dinner held in Bury St Edmunds yesterday to launch the East Region's Sri Lankan Educational Fund.

Foreign Press Association in London

The following have been elected officers of the Foreign Press Association in London:
President: Mr S Mustafa; Vice-Presidents, Mr R Hill and Mr T Jacewicz; Honorary secretary: Mr Y Kobaladze; Assistant Honorary secretaries: Mr R Darroch and Mr H Van der Zee; Hon treasurer: Mr J Trotter.

Birthdays



Mr James Mason, the actor, who is 73 today

TODAY: Professor Sir James Baddiley, 64; Mr Michael Barry, 72; Sir Ralph Bateman, 72 Sir William Batty, 69; Mr D. M. Boston, 51; Lord Darling, 63; Mr Ted Dexter, 47; Mr J. F. Gore, 97; Mr R. A. Hough, 60; Lord McDonald, 66; Sir Frederick Mason, 69; Professor P. A. Reynolds, 62; Mr Peter Shaffer, 56.

TOMORROW: Mr Bernard Braden, 66; Mr A. Colin Cole, 60; Mr Dennis Concannon, MP, 52; Professor Norman Davis, 69; Mr Henry Fonda, 77; Sir Nicholas Goodison, 48; Mr Roy Hudd, 46; Mr Geraint Jones, 65; Major-General Desmond Langley, 52; Sir John Pilcher, 70; the Earl of Portsmouth, 84; the Right Rev K. J. F. Skelton, 64; Sir Charles Wilson, 73; Sir Richard Yeabsley, 84.

Services tomorrow: Fifth Sunday after Easter

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: M, 7.30; HC, 8.00; Rogation Sunday Service for Commerce and Industry, Rev Dr C Elliott; HC, 11.30 Jackson in G Introit: Let all the world (Dyson); E, 3.15, Mag and Nunc dimittis, Gray in F Minor, A, Give unto the Lord (Elgar), Canon Woollcombe.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M and S, 10.30, Benedicite: Jackson in G, Oculi Omnium (Wood), Right Rev E G Knapp-Fisher; Sung Eucharist, 11.40, Litany in Procession (Tallis), Palestrina Missa Aeterna Christi Munera; E and S, 3.00, Purcell in B Flat, The heavens are telling (Haydn), Right Rev M Fisher; Organ Recital, 6.05; E, 6.30, Rev A Luff.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 9; Cathedral Eucharist, 11, Stanford in C, A, To Thee O Lord (Rachmaninoff), Adoremus in aeternum (Allegri), Canon Penwarden; Cathedral E, 3.30, Collegium Regale (Howells), A, My beloved spake (Hadley), Rev G McPhate.
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL, St James's Palace: HC, 8.30; MP, 11.15, A, Thy Word is a Lantern (Purcell), Canon Saxon.
THE QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY (public welcomed): MP, 11.15, To Ireland in F, A, Beati Quorum (Stanford), Canon Young; HC, 12.30.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich (public welcomed): [illegible]

TOWER OF LONDON (public welcomed): HC, 9.15; M, 11, Jub Purcell in B flat, A, Christus Surrexit (Handl), the Chaplain.
ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M and S, 11, TD, Jub Noble in B minor, A, Greater love (Ireland), The Chaplain; HC, 12.15.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; M, 11, Boyce in A, A, The earth is the Lord's (Stanford).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11 Rev M Beech.
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 5.15; M, 10.20; HM 11, Collegium Regale (Darke), Rev J W Holden; Solemn E, 6.00, Sumsion in G, Rev C J Somers-Edgar.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 11 Rev R Simpson; 6.30, Rev A Cornes.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11, Missa Fantasia in G Major (Bach) Rev Dr A W Marks.
HOLY TRINITY, Brompton: HC 8; HC sung 9; M 11, Canon Watson; ES 6.0, United Service at St. Luke's Church, Redcliffe Square, Canon Watson.
HOLY TRINITY WITH ALL SAINTS, Prince Consort Road, SW7: HC 8.30, 12.05; Chapel MP and S, 11, Rev R Browne.
HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street (Sloane Sq Tube): Hc 8.30; HC 10.30 Canon Roberts, HC 12.10.
ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: SM, 9.30; HM, 11, Dvorak in O, My beloved Spake (Hadley Fr Gaskell; LM, 5.30.
ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (AD 1123): M, 11, TD Hunt [illegible]

ST JAMES, Garlickhill (City): M 11.15 (Sung) A, For now I have chosen this house (Paul Edwards), Prebendary D W C Mossman.
ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.30; Sung Eucharist, 11.00, EP 6.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15 (said); Choral M and S 11, Canon Beeson; HC, 12.15 (said).
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: Family Communion 9.45, Norman Ingram-Smith; MS 11.15, Rev C Hedley; Choral E, 4.15; ES 6.30 (World Service Broadcast) The Vicar.
ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: HC, 8 and 12.30; Sung Eucharist, 9.30, Bishop of Gibraltar; M, 11.15, Rev I L Robson; E, 6.30, Rev I L Robson.
ST MARY'S Bourne Street: LM, 8, 9.45, 7 (Approx); HM, 11, Communion Service (Howells), Thou visit the earth (greene) Jub Deo (lassus), Rev M. Israel; Solemn E, May Procession of Our Lady Solemn Benediction: 6.15, Responses — Smith; Canticles — Dyson in F, Regina Caeli (Aichinger), Veni Sponsa Mea (anon) (French), Te lucis ante terminum (Balfour Gardiner) Prebendary C.M. Heal.
ST MARYLEBONE PARISH CHURCH: HC, 8, and 11; Masse Basse (Faure), O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen); 6.30, Rev R. Salenius.
ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square: HC, .15; Parish Communion, 11, Rev E. G. H. Saunders; E, 6.30, Rev E. G. H. Saunders.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, Knightsbridge: HC, 8 and 9; Solemn Eucharist, 11, Missa Brevis (Lennox [illegible]

ST COLUMBA'S (Church of Scotland) Pont Street: 11 and 6.30, Rev W A Gairns.
CROWN COURT CHURCH (Church of Scotland) Russell Street, Covent Garden: 11.15 and 6.30, Rev G. Melvyn Wood.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: M, 10.30, Massing (Vaughn Williams), The Lord is my shepherd (Berkeley); The Spirit of the Lord (Elgar); Vespers and Benediction: 3.30, Magnificat tortii toni (Viadana), Ave Verum Corpus (Byrd).
THE ORATORY, SW7: HM, 11, Missa Brevis (Monteverdi), Ardens est cor meum (Victoria); LM, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12.30, 4.30 7; Vespers Benediction, 3.30, Non vos relinquam orphanos (Byrd).
ST ANSELM AND CECILIA, Kingsway: SM, 11, Missa Christus Rex (de Vocht); Qui Sunt hi sermones? (Huijbers).
ST ETHELREDA'S, Ely Place (Holborn Circus): SM, 11, Mass: Missa Brevis (A Gabrieli), Gradual: Gaudent in Coelis (Deering), offertory: Ecce Sacerdos Magnus (Elgar).
CHURCH OF OUR LADY, St John's Wood: SM (Latin) 10.45, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Beata es Virgo (Byrd).
THE JESUIT CHURCH, Farm Street: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin Mass), 12, 4.15, 6.15.
REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (United Reformed), Tavistock Place: 11; Rev W Workman; 6.30; Miss B Davies.
ST JOHN'S WOOD UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (Presbyterian/Congregationalist), Lord's Roundabout, NW8: 11 am Rev J Miller.
CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 [illegible]

OBITUARY

FRED WILLIAMS
Australian landscape painter

Mr Grahame King writes:

Fred Williams, one of Australia's greatest contemporary painters, died in Melbourne on April 22, after a long illness. He was 55.

I had known Fred from his student days, and his rich ebullient personality as a friend and colleague was matched by his brilliance as a painter.

Born in Melbourne on January 23 1927 and educated at the National Gallery Schools there and at the Chelsea Art School, London, he was an artist who, having learned from the 20th century European masters, was able to bring this experience back to Australia and add significantly to the Australian landscape tradition.

He worked extraordinarily hard: from thousands of notes, sketches and studies done in the landscape he worked and reworked his paintings to an individual vision, an absolutely new experience in Australian landscape and landscape art, showing us aspects of the terrain and the light no previous artist had successfully observed. He changed the way we see our country." He was also a master printmaker and very generous with help for students and colleagues. He painted murals, too, and many portraits.

Personally modest he gave up valuable painting time to help Australian art in various ways. For example, he had been on the council of the Australian National Gallery since 1975, and was a founder — and president — of the Print Council of Australia. With a great zest for life he had a large hand in the annual cricket match between writers and artists, captaining the latter and playing as hard as his girth would permit. He listed his recreations in *Who's Who in Australia* as wine and reading. Few Australian artists have inspired so much respect and affection so widely in the community.

Frederick Ronald Williams is represented in all the Australian State Gallery collections, in the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, and in the Museum of Modern Art, New York, where he had a one-man exhibition in 1977. An exhibition was also put on at Fischer Fine Art, London in 1980.

Among several awards he won the Wynne Prize in 1966 and 1977. He was made O.B.E. in 1976 and was an hon. LL.D. (Monash). He leaves a wife, Lyn, and three daughters.

At his funeral his old friend, the artist, John Brack, said: "The death of a friend, yes. The death of a relative, yes. But above all the death of an artist. That is different in a particular way from the death of others, because while he lives, he is his work, and when he dies he stays behind".

MR HAROLD SINCLAIR

Mr Harold Sinclair, CBE, CEng, FIMechE who died in hospital at Ashford, Kent, on May 4, was an eminent engineer, still active in the field of mechanical engineering until his sudden death at the age of 84 years.

He had an impressive international reputation. He foresaw the potentialities of the fluid flywheel drive, and was mainly responsible for the development and increasing use of this invention.

In 1926, he formed a new company, now Fluidrive Engineering Company Ltd, and soon after he persuaded the Daimler Company to introduce the first fluid flywheel transmission, followed by the Chrysler Corporation in the United States. He was proud of the fact that the famous red London buses still operate with this system. Much larger units were later developed for marine and power station applications.

In 1944 he established S.S.S. Gears Ltd to manufacture and licence the unique S.S.S. clutch, now used by 23 world navies, mainly for gas turbine propulsion drives, and also featured in many advanced industrial drives.

He was a distinguished member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and three of his technical publications were awarded prizes. He was also a life fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and in 1937 was awarded the Edward Longstreth silver medal by the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Philadelphia.

He was made CBE in 1975, for services to export.

MR STEPHEN GRAY

Mr Stephen Gray, chairman of the Welsh Development Agency, since 1980 died suddenly in London on May 12. He was 55.

Gray, who became the second chairman of the WDA had a strong background in the steel industry in Wales.

After taking a degree in Natural Sciences and Metallurgy at Trinity College, Cambridge, he followed his father as general manager of the Shotton Steel Works on Deeside when it was owned by John Summers and Sons, and was director until nationalization in 1967.

In 1968, he was appointed a full-time member of the board of the British Steel Corporation with special responsibilities for engineering, and in 19[illegible] he became managing director of the BSC's strip mill division. He resigned two years later after a policy disagreement over the reorganization of the division which envisaged the ending of steel making at Shotton.

He joined the board of the WDA at a time when the agency was launching a special factory building programme in Clwyd to provide new job opportunities for people made redundant by the decision to end steel making at the plant. It was a cause of considerable satisfaction to him that, with more than 100 new factories completed and half of them already occupied by or reserved for tenants, the building drive was paying off.

Gray was also a partner in the industrial consultancy of Gray Summers & Kay. He was also a director of the UK Provident Institution at a meeting of whose board he collapsed and died.

A bachelor, he was a former High Sheriff of Flintshire and a past member of Clwyd Area Health Authority.

REAR-ADMIRAL G. K. COLLETT

Rear-Admiral G. K. Collett, CB, DSC, died on May 11 at the age of 75.

George Kempthorne Collett, who was born on January 25, 1907, entered the Royal Navy in 1920. As a commander he served as Naval Liaison Officer to General de Gaulle in 1940-41. He served in H.M.S. Trinidad between 1941-44 as executive officer, while the ship was engaged in supporting convoys to North Russia and was awarded the DSC in 1942.

He was for a time Staff Officer, Operations, to the Vice-Admiral & Second-in-Command, Home Fleet, and later Staff Officer, Plans, to the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet.

Towards the end of the war he served as Naval Assistant to the First Sea Lord, and was promoted to captain in December, 1945. In 1946 he was appointed Commanding Officer of H.M.S. Cardigan Bay, of the First Frigate Flotilla, serving in the Mediterranean and taking part in Palestine patrols.

In 1948 he returned to Britain to take up an appointment at the Ministry of Supply in connexion with air armaments. Two years later he was appointed to serve as a member of the Senior Naval Directing Staff and as Deputy Commandant to the Joint Services Staff College, Latimer, Buckinghamshire.

He was in command of H.M.S. Bermuda between 1952 and 1954, and from 1955 to 1957 was Vice Naval Deputy at Shape, Paris. He retired in 1958.

He married in 1937 Rongnye, eldest daughter of Sir Charles Bell, KCIE, CMG. They had one son and one daughter.

MR W. BEVERLEY CARTER

Ben Whitaker writes:—

Beverley Carter, who died on May 9 in Washington from a heart attack at the early age of 61, was an outstanding black American diplomat and editor who was widely respected and loved throughout the world.

After graduating from Lincoln and Temple Universities, he ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1964, having been the publisher of *The Pittsburgh Courier* since 1955 and president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

Subsequently he held three successive posts as United States ambassador, besides being Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs 1969-72. From 1972 until his death he served as the United States member of the United Nations Human Rights Subcommission, where he was held in high regard for his integrity, succinctness and objectivity. His opinion was all the more admired at the United Nations by those from his country who value human rights, since he did not flinch from criticizing his own country when justified, as well as on other occasions capably and passionately stripping bare the hypocrisy of the Soviets, Argentina and others.

A man of dignity, humour and warm charm, he did much to advance justice and fairness at the United Nations, as well as enhancing the reputation of his own country by being in the truest sense a representative of its finest qualities.

Archbishop Carmine Rocco, Papal Nuncio to Brazil, died on May 11 at the age of 70. He was ordained in 1936.

Lady Shaw, wife of the Rt Hon Lord Justice Shaw, died on May 13. She was Sally, daughter of Oscar Baumann, and she was married in 1929.

MORTGAGE LENDING
£ million
2000 / 1500 / 1000 / 500
BUILDING SOCIETIES
BANKS
1980 1981 1982

Money promised to homebuyers by the building societies remained at near record levels during April, with net new commitments totalling £1,416m compared with the all-time high of £1,491m in March. Building societies also did well on the deposit taking side during April, registering net receipts of £437m, the highest figures since January 1981 when they took in £446m. Net receipts in March stood at £264m.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index 590.6 up 5.4
FT Gilts 69.15 down 0.06
FT Allshare 336.93 up 1.06
Bargains 17,790
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones index 7,575.81 down 27.40
Hongkong: Hang Seng index 1,367.53 down 16.32

INTEREST RATES

Base rates 13 per cent
3 month interbank 13¼-13⅛
Euro-currency Rates
3 month dollar 14⁷⁄₁₆-14¹¹⁄₁₆
3 month DM 8¹³⁄₁₆-8¹¹⁄₁₆
3 month Fr F 23½-23

CURRENCIES

● The dollar strengthened on expectations of continuing high United States interest rates. The pound oscillated on varying rumours over Falklands peace moves but ended the day little changed.

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling
$1.8250, up 10 points
Index 90.4, unchanged
DM 4.2050
Fr F 10.9850
Yen 430
Dollar
Index 112.8, up 0.4
DM 2.3055, up 108 points
GOLD
$335.10, up $2.80

Braniff 'will fly again'

Braniff, the first big airline to go bankrupt in the United States since the barnstorming days of the 1930s, is predicting that it will fly again, but many lawyers and analysts doubt it. They are wondering who will be next. Mr Howard Puttnam, Braniff's chief executive, said yesterday that he had not joined the group to preside over its liquidation. "We'll be back, whether under the name of Braniff—or somebody else," he said.

US car sales rise sharply

Sales of United States cars rose by 18 per cent in early May, a sharper increase than expected. General Motors sold the most cars as buyers responded to its cut-price financing rates as against sales promotions by other manufacturers.

In response, Chrysler has begun a sales incentive programme in which dealers can get as much as $500 for each car sold.

£8m Thailand aircraft deal

Thailand's national airline has ordered four thirty-feet Short 330 commuter airliners from the Government-owned Belfast aerospace company. The contract, worth nearly £8m, was announced in Belfast yesterday, when the first two aircraft were handed over to Air Marshal Prayute Prachuabmoh, Thai Airways' managing director.

Approval hope for ulcer drug

A Food and Drug Adminstration advisory panel has recommended approval of a new ulcer treatment drug. Known as Ranitidine, the drug would be marketed by Glaxo Inc., the United States subsidiary of Glaxo Holdings Ltd. An FDA spokesman said in Washington yesterday that the advisory panel's recommendation did not guarantee FDA approval of the new drug. The spokesman said the FDA's bureau of drugs would analyse results of tests on Ranitidine, and there was no way of determining when a final decision will be made.

Boards axed

Orders were laid before Parliament yesterday for the winding up of training boards in air transport and travel, carpets chemicals and allied products, footwear, leather and fur skin, iron and steel, knitting, lace and net, manmade fibres, wool jute and flax. Mr Peter Morrison, Employment Minister, said he hoped to announce within a few weeks the winding up of a further eight training boards which the Government decided to scrap last November.

Wholesale rises

Japan's unadjusted wholesale price index (base 1975) rose 0.3 per cent last month to 136.4. The April index was up 2.8 per cent, compared to the same month last year. West Germany's wholesale price index (base 1976) rose 0.5 per cent in April to stand 6.2 per cent higher than in April last year. United States wholesale prices, as measured by the producer price index for finished goods, rose 0.1 per cent seasonally adjusted last month.

□ The choice for companies is to "automate or liquidate", Mr Norman Tebbit (above) Employment Secretary, said in Walsall yesterday. Mr Tebbit's enthusiasm for robots was echoed by Mr John Butcher, Employment minister, who said in a Commons written answer that the Government was preparing a scheme to support automated factory schemes.

□ The Government on May 19 is to invite companies to bid on open tender for a new computer system to be installed at the Vehicle Licencing Centre in Swansea. The full specification which includes the supply of a mainframe computer and terminals will be published on June 30.

□ The first two of four diesel-driven generating sets supplied by British shipbuilders for a new power station in the Sudan are being shipped from the Tyne this month. The contract is worth £5m.

□ British companies with firm orders from Argentina which are cancelled as a result of the hostilities can claim compensation through the ECGD if they are appropriately insured, said the Department of Trade yesterday. To date the department is only aware of one case where a company has lost an order from Argentina.

□ Nippon Electric, the Japanese electronics group, has announced that it has developed a material which can effectively absorb high frequency radio signals used in radar so providing a means of evading radar screening. The company plans to market the product later this year.

□ Mr Leon Brittan, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, conceded yesterday that underlying economic activity in Britain had been broadly flat for some months. But, speaking on Merseyside, he said this did not mean the recovery was dead.

COMPANIES

GEERS GROSS profits dropped £100,000 last year to just over £1m on turnover up from £46.3m to £53.3m. The reduction was blamed on lower margins on London business.

Building group M. J. GLEESON has increased pre-tax profits from £465,000 to £683,000 on a turnover down from £29m to £23m. The figures reflect the increasing importance from non-trading sources.

Profits of ALLIED PLANT dropped from £1m to £44,000 in the 12 months to last December and went into loss of £976,000 after an extraordinary item.

PRICE CHANGES

Johnson Group 236 up 29
Trident TV 'A' 76 up 9
Leigh Interests 108 up 12
Glaxo 691 up 24
British Sugar 505 up 15
Minet Holdings 187 up 10
GEC 902 up 10
Geers Gross 140 up 8
Massey-Ferguson 140 up 8
Philips Lamps 562 down 25
Churchbury Estates 600 down 15
Pearl 378 down 6

Agents voice concern over move

Lloyds Bank plans national estate agency network

By Baron Phillips

Lloyds Bank is set to make an ambitious expansion into the estate agency business after its acquisition of the Norfolk-based practice of Charles Hawkins & Son. The banks aims to have a national network of 100 agents, operating under the Blackhorse banner within a few years.

Last night Mr Roy Mercer, a director of Blackhorse Agencies, the company established to run the estate agency business, said he expected to acquire about 100 practices within the next five years.

Already discussions are being held with a further three firms on London, the South East and Bristol.

Details are expected to be revealed shortly.

But a spokesman for the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers said he believed there was a sinister element in Lloyds' move to acquire a large network of estate agents.

"If it grows to a substantial size there is the possibility that after a time the regulating instrument which governs the practice of estate agents—the code of conduct—could be thrown out of the window, especially if other banks join in the race to buy up estate agents around the country," he said last night.

A Lloyds bank official denied that there was anything sinister about its plans. "This is part of the whole area of providing a better home buying sevice," he said.

This appears to be the key to the Lloyds acquisition. Banks have been competing fiercely with building societies and each other over the past 18 months for a larger slice of the new mortgages cake.

Since Lloyds launched its home loans drive in 1979 it has lent more than £600m for house purchases.

Ultimately the bank hopes to have estate agencies throughout the country enabling them to maintain a high profile among customers as they move from one area to another. Blackhorse Agencies is expected to provide a multi-listing service and to mount a national television advertising campaign when it becomes established.

Other banks are adopting a wait-and-see attitude, but it seems likely that another clearer will move into the estate agency business fairly quickly.

Lloyds regards the move into estate agency as an way of winning new customers.

Although everyone is now encouraged to ask for a Lloyds mortgage there may be a time when money is not so freely available and Blackhorse Agencies customers will receive preferential treatment.

Howe defends N Sea taxes

By Jonathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has dismissed claims that high oil taxes are discouraging North Sea developments — although he conceded that the offshore oil construction industry is facing a difficult period.

"In a highly competitive world it will always be a struggle to survive", Sir Geoffrey Howe said in a speech to the Dundee and Tayside Chamber of Commerce". But the efficient and adaptable companies have the best chance".

Nearly 2,000 workers in production platform and module construction yards in Scotland and the North East have been told of redundancy possibilities because of the lack of new orders.

Sir Geoffrey said that before the last Budget he had looked carefully at the likely profitability of new North Sea developments using a variety of different assumptions about oil prices and costs — including the prospect of lower oil prices.

He reaffirmed the Government's intention to sell 51 per cent of the shares in the exploration and production arm of the British National Oil Corporation before the end of the year, provided that market conditions were right. Ministers in fact now believe that the recent firming of oil prices will make it much easier to complete the sale on schedule in November. The target for the sale is £750m.

BNOC, which is the price-setter for the North Sea, dismissed as "rumours" speculation that it would be raising the price of North Sea crude by two or three dollars a barrel from its present level of $31 a barrel. North Sea oil has recently been selling on the "spot" market at about $34 a barrel — a premium over the official price of $3 a barrel. But if these prices are maintained after next week's the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, next week, an increase in contract North Sea prices is seen as inevitable when existing contract expire at the end of June.

IDA fund shortfall reduced

From Peter Norman
Helsinki, May 14

Mr A. W. "Tom" Clausen, the president of the World Bank, today claimed some success in his campaign to plug the gaps in the Bank's concessional lending funds. These were created by the refusal of the United States to fulfil its commitments to the International Development Association (IDA), the Bank's soft loan agency.

He told a press conference after a meeting of the development committee of the International Monetary Fund that The Netherlands, Japan and Luxembourg had said they would pay proportionally more of their current commitments to the IDA than the United States.

He estimated that the shortfall in IDA contributions for the year, to the end of June was now about $1,500m.

"The situation is not as bleak as it was eight weeks ago", he said, although he added that "we are still not at the point we ought to be".

Multilateral soft loan agencies like the IDA are the sole source of external finance for the poorest nations, which cannot borrow on financial markets.

The present crisis in the agency has been precipitated by the United States Congress which has cut the United States' contribution on the grounds of budgetary restraint. This action, which reduces the IDA's capacity to finance projects, has a serious impact because other donor countries can cut their contributions in line with the American shortfall

Mr Clausen said he did not think that the IDA would get all the $12,000m funding envisaged in the original commitments for the three years to 1983.

But he said: "We are goiong to push and pull and use all the arguments we can to make the donor countries realize the plight of the developing countries."

He noted that some countries such as Britain had already paid their contributions for the second year of the current replenishment in full and Norway had paid 25 per cent more than its commitment.

This week the Netherlands had agreed to pay its full amount for the second year, and Japan and Luxembourg have indicated that they will pay proportionally more than the United States.

Other financing arrangements have been suggested, including a proposal by the French for a special fund in which the United States would have no influence.

The uncertainty over the current replenishment is almost certain to delay a new replenishment fund. The final statement of the development committee said discussions should proceed so that the seventh replenishment can begin in the year to the end of June 1984. Although Mr Clausen admitted that he was not optimistic that this would happen.

□ Mr Malcolm Baldrige, Secretary of the United States Commerce Department, said in Washington yesterday that the rate of American innflation in 1982, as measured by the consumer price index, may be 6.5 per cent or less. The Administration's official forecast is of seven per cent.

He told an American Petroleum Institute seminar that the Administration's success in lowering the inflation rate "is good news for minority businesses."

Costs rise for export credits

By Clive Cookson

The era of single-figure interest rates for export credits ends today. The minimum rate for contracts signed after midnight tonight rises from 7.5 per cent to 10 per cent under an agreement reached six months ago by 22 Western industrial countries.

Two British export orders from India which have been in the final stages of negotiation for several months had not been signed last night and seem almost certain to miss the deadline. One is a £550m order for a 2,000 power station at Singrauli which is due to be awarded to a group headed by Northern Engineering Industries. The other is a £1,200m international project for a steel plant in Orissa, led by Davy McKee; nearly half of that work is expected to come to Britain.

It is understood that both projects will still go ahead although the financing arrangments will be changed.

The British Government, which has agreed to provide a substantial aid package to help win the two Indian contracts, may be pressed for further financial assistance outside the framework of export credit guarantees.

What is galling for Britain is that earlier this week France managed to sign a £95m contract to sell electronic telephone exchanges to India, backed by credit guarantees from the French Government at the old 7.5 per cent rate. Britain's System X, offered by GEC, was one of the bidders, though it is in the running for a further large order.

The OECD's Consensus group agreed in the autumn to reduce subsidies on export interest rates and minimum rates were to go up by 2.25 to 2.5 per cent on contracts signed after May 15. Britain's Export Credits Guarantee Department estimates that the Government will save £170m in interest subsidies over three years.

The 22 member countries are now locked in dispute about a further reduction in subsidies. They are considering a complex compromise put forward by Mr Alex Wallen of Sweden, Consensus chairman

Grand Met profit hit by severe winter

By Philip Robinson

The freeze last winter took £5m from Grand Metropolitan's profits to last March in all areas where people leave their homes to spend money: to play bingo; to place a bet or go for a steak at a Berni Inn.

But a strong performance from the United States, from the London roulette tables and benefits from the group's reorganization in brewing and retailing — which pushed trading profit up almost a third — gave the group an opening half pretax total of £74.8m against £68m last time. Turnover was more than a fifth higher at £1,827m.

The performance was better than many had expected and in the stock market, Grand Met shares moved up 5p to within a whisker of their year's peak at 221p.

The dividend is increased 10 per cent to 5p. Last year the group's total dividend was a gross 10.5p and yesterday Sir Maxwell Joseph, chairman, reminded shareholders that the greater part of group trading profit is earned traditionally in the second half.

Grand Met will need that to cover what is estimated to be a £140m interest charge on its debts. That would be up from £90m on the year to last September, and double the £71m paid out in the opening half.

Sir Maxwell Joseph: banking on the second half.

A detailed breakdown of trading profits shows that with improved efficiency and competitive pricing policy, brewing and retailing contributed £32.5m, against £24.9m last time. There is a first time contribution of £7.4m from Inter-Continental Hotels, purchased for £267m from Pan-American World Airways.

Spirits and wines made £32.6m profit, up nearly 50 per cent, while the United States arm Liggett improved in sterling terms from £31.5m to £42.2m. Grand Met says that even without the benefit of converting into sterling at the lower rates of exchange.

Treasury denies rigging

By David Blake, Economics Editor

The Treasury hit back yesterday at charges from the TUC that it had rigged its forecasting model for a meeting of the National Economic Development Council. The Treasury said ministers play no part in deciding how the forecasting model is designed and defended the results.

The TUC alleged that the Treasury had given the NEDC figures designed to make reflation look bad in forcasts about the effect of different economic policis. The Treasury yesterday denied the validity of the complaints and stressed that there is no such thing as "the Treasury model" which can be used mechanically.

More privately, the CBI has also expressed a desire to know how the results came unfavourably for expansion.

The three main criticisms by the TUC were: that the model has been doctored to show unfavourable "confidence effects" on financial markets if policy becomes reflationary; that in assessing public spending the Treasury had assumed that it was fixed in cash terms; and that interest rates were given an exaggerated importance in deciding the way companies behave.

Objections fail to dampen trading

Wall St ignores budget split

From Nicholas Hirst, New York, May 14

Wall Street is showing a surprising lack of concern at President Reagan's increasing problems in getting a budget compromise through Congress that would cut the huge deficits projected for the next three years.

Stock markets here responded well to the initial agreement reached by the Republican-controlled Senate budget committee, endorsed by the President last week, but have not reacted sharply to the strong objections to that plan that have emerged in the House of Representatives this week. In morning trading yesterday, the Dow Jones industrial share average was slightly higher in heavy trading at 859.97.

"On the Senate compromise, the markets responded because the process had begun," Mr Larry Wachtell, of stockbrokers Bache Halsey Stuart Shields, said. "But they knew it was not the be all and end all."

There is a growing feeling that the chances are slim of a compromise being achieved before November, when a third of the Senate and all of the House come up for reelection.

The president needs the agreement of both the Senate and the House to push a budget through, but mainstream House Democrats want higher taxes, greater defence spending cuts and smaller reductions in welfare programmes than the Senate committee's proposal, while House Republicans believe the Senate's plan calls for too-high tax increases and want greater cuts in welfare.

The chances of the House coalition of conservative Democrats and Republicans which saw the president's budget cuts through last year, this time look much less promising.

Fixed interest securities ha been trading in the same range for four weeks despite renewed warnings from Mr Henry Kaufman, the influential Salomon Brothers bond analyst, that interest rates would rise sharply in the autumn as the Government's need to finance its deficit clashed with corporate demand for borrowing as the economy recovers.

Many analysts believe that interest rates will begin to fall in a couple of weeks as the tax-paying season ends and are looking for a drop in the major banks' prime rate from the present 16½ per cent.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	13%
Barclays	13%
BCCI	13%
Consolidated Crds	13%
C. Hoare & Co	*13%
Lloyds Bank	13%
Midland Bank	13%
Nat Westminster	13%
TSB	13%
Williams & Glyn's	13%

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000 10¼%, £10,000 up to £50,000 11%, £50,000 and over 11¼%.

Business Editor

Saturday mornings on the homes front

Barclays' bid for business by re-introducing Saturday opening must be welcome to most of its customers, at least those who, on the surveys, bitterly resented the ending of the weekend service. Whether it will really succeed in commercial terms, however, is likely to depend on its home loan service during the extra hours of business.

The banks' existing customers long ago resigned themselves to inconvenient opening hours and have made other arrangements to obtain cash over a weekend, whether it is from a bank cash machine or simply by writing cheques over a bar counter. It is unlikely that paying-in and cheque cashing facilities on their own will attract anything more than a trickle of new customers.

Lloyds, which has 11 branches opening on Saturday mornings (compared with Barclays' one), freely admit that in terms of attracting new customers, the experiment has so far proved a failure.

However, that is not the only reason for Saturday opening. What the public also wants is a quick, cheap and simple home loan facility. The inroads made by the banks into this area of the building societies' business, have been dramatic. It is from the building societies that Barclays' hopes to pick up new business.

The acid test for Barclays will be whether they can give potential homebuyers a sensible mortgage service with advice from experienced staff. If all that is available is a home loan application form then the customers will stay with the building societies.

GUS
A question

Are the interests of the small shareholders once again being subsumed by the easy imperatives of the institutional shareholders in the case of the Great Universal Stores bid for Empire Stores?

Details of how the bid was organised by blue-blooded stockbrokers Cazenove have still to emerge. But reports suggest a classic case in which the brokers telephoned around the major institutions in the hours before the bid was announced to suggest a price (in this case 113p a share).

The prey was obviously in a weak state. The institutions were under some pressure. They accepted and Gussies were able to gain a strong foothold.

There is nothing wrong with this under the rules. But effectively it by-passed the jobbers and it never gave the market a chance to decide what was a realistic price (if the GUS bid is referred to the Monopolies Commisson, no-one would be surprised to see Sears step in with a bid of 150p). It's an old maxim that any asset is worth what others are prepared to pay for it. In this case one can question whether the institutions really tested the water to find the temperature.

Rights issues
Shrinking list

Fears of a long queue of rights issues that could emerge once the Falklands crisis is over now seem to be diminishing. This is yet another factor that is keeping stock market sentiment firm. Grand Metropolitan's failure to make the rumoured rights issue with its figures yesterday, has become the latest in a string of such non-events.

The stronger companies who were on that list seem to be finding plenty of money in the markets or their banks.

Those who have not already had rights issues include a large number of weaker companies who need the cash but find their market price too low to make one attractive. While shares in the healthier companies have moved ahead, the market has polarised, leaving many engineering, property and industrial companies languishing with resultant high yields. The revival of worries that continuing high interest rates may dampen any consumer spending improvement, is making forecasts for 1982 earnings uncertain. So many rights issue candidates would have to offer prices at a deep discount to market levels, making the operation very expensive.

Against that background the rights issue list is shrinking as companies decide to impose their price earnings ratio, rather than risk dilution. The improvement in the balance sheet coming from the rights issue could be only temporary, but the additional shares would be a permanant servicing burden.

Property companies are still expected to come to the market for more cash. However, the present large fund of institutional liquidity will probably be spared of this call until property prices improve. The level at which a rights issue is priced will be vastly improved by the news of good property sales.

Bid for Woodrow Wyatt points to a battle

By Drew Johnston

A battle for Woodrow Wyatt Holdings, the print group where receivers were called in on Thursday, became a distinct possibility yesterday.

London print broker Robert Hart Associates announced yesterday that it was putting together an offer to head off any bid from Mr Robert Maxwell's British Printing and Communications Corporation.

Yesterday, Mr Maxwell was in discussion with union leaders at Wyatt while his representatives moved into the plant to assess the situation.

The consortium headed by Robert Hart, which includes Lewis and Tucker, a West End agency property agency; Charles Display, a printing and packaging business; and another unnamed British company, is due to meet Wyatt directors on Monday.

A spokesman for Robert Hart said yesterday that negotiations on the new consortium had been going for some time before the receivership announcement, but so far there had been no contact with Wyatt. It is understood the aim of the bid is to stop the total printing capacity in the country becoming concentrated in only a few hands.

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The Over-the-Counter Market

1981/82 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E Actual	P/E Fully Taxed
130	100	Ass Brit Ind CULS	129	—	10.0	7.8	—	—
75	62	Airsprung Group	72xd	—	4.7	6.5	11.4	15.8
51	33	Armitage & Rhodes	43	—	4.3	10.0	3.6	8.1
205	187	Bardon Hill	204	+1	9.7	4.8	9.9	12.1
107	100	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	107	—	15.7	14.7	—	—
265	240	Cindico Group	265	—	26.4	10.0	10.7	12.0
104	61	Deborah Services	62	—	6.0	9.7	3.1	5.8
131	97	Frank Horsell	129	—	6.4	5.0	11.6	23.9
83	39	Frederick Parker	76	—	6.4	8.4	3.9	7.4
78	46	George Blair	54	—	—	—	—	—
102	93	Ind Prec Castings	99	+1	7.3	7.4	7.1	10.8
109	100	Isis Conv Pref	109	—	15.7	14.4	—	—
113	94	Jackson Group	100	+1	7.0	7.0	3.1	7.1
130	108	James Burrough	113	—	8.7	7.7	8.2	10.4
334	238	Robert Jenkins	242	—	31.3	12.9	3.4	8.6
67	51	Scruttons "A"	67	+1	5.3	7.9	10.3	9.5
222	159	Torday & Carlisle	159	—	10.7	6.7	5.1	9.5
15	10	Twinlock Ord	14	—	—	—	—	—
80	66	Twinlock 15% ULS	80	—	15.0	18.8	—	—
44	25	Unilock Holdings	25	—	3.0	12.0	4.5	7.6
103	73	Walter Alexander	82	—	6.4	7.8	5.4	9.5
263	212	W. S. Yeates	232	+2	14.5	6.3	6.1	12.1

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FAMILY MONEY

Capital gains: new proposals a mess

This week the Institute for Fiscal Studies is holding a lunchtime seminar to discuss the indexation of Capital Gains Tax — proposals for which have been described by one stockbroker as "a complete dog's dinner".

The Chancellor, anxious to do something for those who suffer tax on inflationary gains, introduced changes in the Budget which would provide a substantial measure of relief. But his proposals have come in for much criticism — not least of all from the Stock Exchange whose members are likely to bear the full brunt of the costs of the new indexation calculations and administration. And it is not difficult to see why.

Many private investors with a portfolil of long-term holdings of shares would have some difficulty in working out their Capital Gains Tax under the existing rules. If the Government's proposals get through to the statute book unaltered, it will mean that the calculations will be totally beyond the average investor who will be *obliged* to employ a professional — hardly a desirable state of affairs.

And if the average investor has difficulty in working out his CGT liability there is little reason to suppose that the average clerk in a tax office will do any better. The Inland Revenue already manages to make mistakes in some 27 per cent of income tax coding notices which are relatively straightforward. The possibility of total chaos if the new CGT proposals are implemented must be substantial.

The Chancellor proposed that from April 5, 1982, the acquisition price of securities and other assets would be index-linked in line with inflation and Capital Gains Tax payable only on the excess over the inflation-adjusted acquisition cost. So far so good. But because indexation will not apply for the first year of ownership, it will not be possible to retain the existing "pooling" arrangements whereby shares purchased at different times and at varying prices are treated for CGT purposes as having been acquired at an "average" cost.

Most people find it quite difficult enough to grasp the concept of pooling. The new proposals are heinously complex.

Share acquired on or after April 6, 1982 will be subject to new rules. "Disposals will be considered in chronological order, the earliest disposal first. On each disposal, shares will be identified first with shares acquired in the previous 12 months, on a first in, first out basis: and next with shares acquired more than 12 months before disposal on a last in, first out basis," says the Inland Revenue.

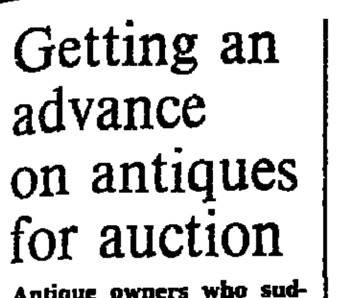
This difficult-to-digest explanation is simple compared with the total incomprehensibility of some of the detail. What chance does the typical private investor in shares — an elderly widow who has inherited money — have of applying these rules to their own affairs? Useless to say that she won't have a CGT liability and therefore won't need to. She has to know how to do the sums to work out whether or not she is liable.

The proposals have also been criticized on other grounds. While future capital gains will be indexed, because indexation will be based on acquisition cost rather than 1982 value, long-term holders of assets will continue to be unfairly treated. Indexation of their acquisition cost will bear no relation to future increases in the value of the asset arising from continued inflation.

The proposals have been described as typical of the Civil Service's obsession with equiry above practicability. Sceptics have taken the view that Inland Revenue officials wanted to scupper the whole idea of indexation so deliberately concocted the most complicated scheme they could..

The commonsense solution would be to retain the proposed scheme for indexation of property gains, where it is relatively simple to calculate, but abandon the whole idea of indexation (apart from indexing the threshold for exemption) for securities — granting investors concessions elsewhere.

Finally, if the Government does go ahead with its proposals and indexes capital gains, what does it propose to do for investors with bank deposits, building society accounts and the like, all of whom have suffered massive capital losses in real terms and have been subjected to the added burden of taxes — at times as high as 83 per cent, on the income? Aren't these investors entitled to relief.



Getting an advance on antiques for auction

Antique owners who suddenly hit hard times will no longer be faced with the choice of parting with their valuables at a knock-down price or waiting three months for them to be sold at auction.

Up to 300 of the 350 or so auction houses threoughout the country will now be able to advance short-term loans of up to 50 per cent of the reserve price of the iten in the forthcoming auction.

It is the brainchild of Mr Peter Humber a former antique dealer. His company Fine Art Funding has the backing of First National securities, a leading consumer credit company, and hopes to lend up to £20m in its first year.

The auctioneer will decide how much to advance, says Mr Humber. But there is a minimum of £250 and the objects must be high-quality, easily assessable items of proven marketability. There is a minimum charge period for an advance of eight weeks with the interest rate charged of ¾ per cent a week equivalent to an annual rate of 39 per cent.

Mr Humber refutes the suggestion that this is costly. He says it includes all documentation and administrative costs, and that over a 10 week period it works out cheaper than a loan through Barclaycard where there is a 1.5 per cent charge on top of the APR of 30.6 per cent. Beyond 12 weeks however the reverse is true.

He believes that with annual auction house turnover topping £500m, there is an immense and untapped market which will not only benefit the vendor but give the chosen auction houses a competitive edge over their rivals.

By offering the service in their advertising they will attract more goods to their sale rooms, be under less pressure to sell and settle quickly, and hopefully provide a better service.

It is not clear which auction houses are about to be signed up but after working on the idea for the past year, talks are at an advanced stage with a number of large firms. These will almost certainly include Christies and Sothebys.

While the provincial auctioneer might not be allowed to make an advance against an unknown Rembrandt, Mr Humber is convinced that it is a far safer way of getting a fair price for that valuable heirloom than the fast auction sales started last year by certain auction houses which had a depressing effect on salerfoom prices.

Gareth David

Fund to ride a US recovery

There is a forceful argument that says that if there is to be worldwide economic recovery it will happen first in the United States. The only really dubious point is when? Unit trust managers Henderson believe it is not far away and is launching this weekend an American Recovery Trust which aims to take advantage of the turnaround — when it comes.

Henderson's strength is undoubtedly in the area of specialist funds. Among overseas trusts it has six trusts in the top half of the league table over the 12-month period with Henderson European at 10th, Henderson Pacific Smaller Companies at 20 and Henderson North American at 22nd.

Its Special Situations fund is sixth in the growth fund league table with Capital Growth at number 10, while Henderson Oil and Natural Resources stands at four in the specialist performance table.

The new fund is an American Recovery Trust which will concentrate on investment in three principal sectors.

Richard Henderson . . . expects recovery.

Those companies which have recently been out of favour, because of the economic situation but which the managers, Richard Henderson and Ben Wrey feel are due to stage a comeback. This would include banking or insurance, machine tools, housing and mining.

The second group comprises companies which have suffered an unwarranted collapse in share price following a temporary fall in profits. The third area being companies where the injection of new management skills is expected to have a significant impact on profit performance.

What about the exchange rate risk? "I would have thought the dollar would be quite strong over the next six months," says Ben Wrey, but he is not expecting and significant change in the dollar/sterling exchange rate.

Why buy Henderson's American Recovery fund when there are already several others in the market? It is much easier to make a small fund perform well and managers tend to go all out with a new fund to produce the best track record possible. "We think we have at least as much expertise in this field as other groups," comments Wrey. Henderson's other American trusts, Henderson's North American and Henderson Cabot American Smaller Companies have shown growth of 78 per cent and 100 per cent respectively over the past five years.



Suresh Karadia

Leasehold flats are often homebuyers' first choice, but there can be problems on insurance

The confessions of a worried leaseholder

I have just claimed £300 from an insurance company to which I was not sure I was strictly entitled. The reason I am not worried about making this potentially damaging confession is that the insurance company concerned is quite happy with the situation, and I was totally unaware that I might be in the wrong.

This latest episode in my action-packed relations with the insurance industry (last autumn, the house caught fire) highlights a very grey, if not positively black, side of property insurance — the problems leaseholders have in making sure they are adequately covered, or even covered at all.

Several years ago I bought a modest seaside flat for my mother. Under the terms of the 99-year lease, the freeholder arranged the insurance for the whole property and recouped the premium from the various leaseholders. After a few years no one bothered to ask for the premiums. The property changed hand several times in quick succession. No one knew who the owner was, let alone whether the building was insured.

I was worried about the property and promptly insured the flat with Commercial Union so that I would be covered if; as seemed likely, it was uninsured.

Just after Christmas this year the pipes in my mother's house burst. Cascading water ruined her bedroom. As disasters go it could not have been better timed. I despatched a couple of the builders who were just finishing off my house to redecorate her bedroom and claimed from Commercial Union.

A few weeks later I got a letter from an insurance broker asking for my share of the premium on a new insurance policy taken out on the house by the freeholder for whom at last we had a name. I told Commercial Union because this meant we had double insurance. That's OK, CU said. We will pay you and negotiate with General Accident, the freeholder's insurer. No doubt the negotiations have been enlived by the fact that the GA policy was taken out on the very day the pipe burst.

Meanwhile what emerged was that although Commercial Union was gentlemanly and paid me my £300, it is not at all clear whether they were strictly obliged to do so. Insurers disagree on whether a mere leaseholder has an insurable interest in a property, even although the freeholder — in my case a whole succession of them — may not have insured the property either.

One insurance man explained it to me: "The fact that you have a lease means you have a right to inhabit the flat for so many years. You don't own the bricks and mortar and you may not have an insurable interest in them."

Whether an individual leaseholder does, or does not, have an insurable interest depends on what is in the lease. If several insurers and the BIA claim that if the freeholder is responsible for the insurance then that is that. If he under-insures or fails to insure at all, your only recourse is to sue him for breach of covenant and damages.

The drawbacks of going to court are obvious. First a freeholder who has been irresponsible enough not to insure the property is unlikely to have the cash to compensate the leaseholders. In addition the leaseholder may not have the resources to bring a contested action — particularly if paying for alternative accommodation.

It appears that there is no easy answer. If you are responsible for the internal decorations or have made expensive internal improvements such as new wooden floors, central heating and the like, which are not strictly part of the buildings, you can generally insure these without too much trouble.

So far as the building's insurance is concerned, ask your solicitor (preferably at the time of purchase) to insist that the freeholder registers your interest in the property with the insurer.

You can then deal directly with the insurance company and discover whether the property is adequately covered — or if the freeholder fails to pay the premium.

For leaseholders who do what I did and take out a policy to be on the safe side, the worry must be whether the insurer would contest liability if there was a large claim. Most insurers turn a blind eye to the strict legalities where small claims are concerned and pay out. But would they be so accommodating on a total loss of £40,000?

If, like me, you have insurance and are not sure whether you are covered, write to your insurance company and get them to confirm the position

So far as Commercial Union is concerned the issue is clear cut. They confirm that they will give full cover to leaseholders who are worried about the extent of cover taken out by the freeholder. But only one policy on the market has been designed to deal specifically with this situation.

Knightel Flats Protection Plan was launched a couple of weeks ago by insurance brokers Knight Ellis and Cornhill Insurance. Under this policy the leaseholder can be reimbursed the value of the lease if the flat is still uninhabitable or inaccessible two years after damage or disaster.

Margaret Drummond

MONEY TALK

Betting on an unlikely scheme

It is doubtful whether dealing in racehorses is quite what the Chancellor had in mind when he introduced his business start-up scheme to encourage entrepreneurs. But this is the use it has been put to by investment adviser Julian Gibbs who is confident that investors will be able to claim full tax relief on investments of up to £30,000 in a horse-trading company.

Minimum investment is £1,000 and top rate taxpayers could have a share in 12 horses at a net cost of only £250, says Mr Gibbs

The scheme appears to be taking advantage of the £20,000 worth of income tax relief granted to investors in new businesses. The original relief when the scheme was first introduced in the 1981 Finance Act was £10,000 per annum but was upped to £20,000 in the March Budget. Investors were also given the facility to carry forward unused relief from 1981-82 into 1982-83 — hence the maximum investment in Julian Gibbs new scheme of £30,000.

What the Inland Revenue will think of Mr Gibbs' horse trading enterprise is difficult to judge but initial reaction is that it will not work. Investors are warned by Mr Gibbs that "this should be considered as a speculative investment, but the odds are considerably shortened with the help of the taxman". This assumes that the taxman's help is forthcoming.

£1m on loan

Accountants, solicitors and other professionals have lined up over £1 million worth of loans through Barclays Bank's unsecured loan facility. The scheme is linked to self-employed pension contracts and presently some 26 insurance companies are approved by Barclays. Professionals can borrow from Barclay's up to 15 times their annual contribution to a self-employed pension plan, though the loan is not automatic or guaranteed. The loan is eventually repaid on retirement out of the converted pension benefits.

"We have made a positive decision to try and extend our lending to professionals", says Barclays' David Rouse who masterminded the scheme. "Provisional returns from some 60 of our branches indicate that loans totalling £1 million have been agreed".

Money borrowed has to be used for business purposes — usually the purchase or extension of business premises, or the purchase of a stake in a partnership. In the initial stages the loan facility is likely to prove better business for the life offices associated with Barclays. An unsecured loan facility is a useful marketing ploy when selling pension policies to the self-employed. The preferential interest rate is the other attraction — only 2 per cent over Barclays' base rate. Minimum premium which qualifies for the facility is £3,000 per annum.

A change of heart

Getting caught by the Inland Revenue is not the only risk you run if you are a tax evader. The Government's freezing of assets of Argentinian residents has presented some of the London banks with a ticklish problem. It appears that some customers who had claimed Argentinian residence — presumably because as non-residents, the interest on their accounts would not be declared to the Inland Revenue — are now revealing (or claiming) that they were not really resident in Argentina at all and please could they have their money back.

The banks, anxious not to reveal how easy it is for customers to pull the wool over their eyes, are doing the proper thing and refusing to release the deposits.

Service overlooked

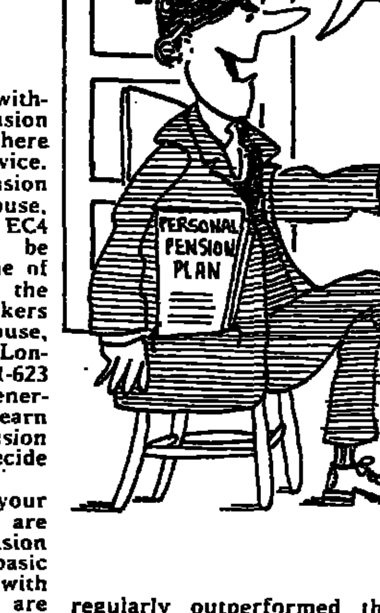
In the flurry over Barclays Bank's announcement of Saturday morning opening (400 selected branches starting in August), the fact that National Westminster Bank is now offering 100 per cent home loans was overlooked.

Borrowers with NatWest will now be able to obtain a 100 per cent loan on homes up to £40,000 and 95 per cent loans above that figure. Maximum term has been extended from 25 to 30 years. Borrowers should remember that 100 per cent loans means 100 per cent of the bank's valuation — not necessarily the same thing as the asking price.

Soldiers' fears

Since the departure of the task force, fears have been expressed that our soldiers may find their life assurance excludes death or injury as a result of military conflict. The British Insurance Brokers' Association stresses that free advice is available from insurance brokers who specialize in arranging insurance for service personnel. These brokers are all members of BIBA's specialist group — The Armed Forces Insurance Brokers Committee and a list of members is available from pay officers in the army.

Tax savings on a portable pension plan



Of the 21 million employees in this country, only 11.5 million will receive any pension from their firm when they retire. The rest are expected to make their own arrangements and are largely unaware that if they are in "non-pensionable" employment, they are eligible for full tax relief on contributions to a "self-employed" pension scheme.

To qualify for this tax-relief you have to be either genuinely self-employed, or working for a firm which does not have a pension scheme. Even if the company does have a scheme, if you choose to opt out, you can obtain full tax relief on personal pension contributions. For younger employees and those who change jobs frequently, this may be the best course of action.

Clearly if your employer runs a good pension scheme and you intend to remain until retirement age, it makes no sense to miss out on these benefits. But all too frequently, job changers get such a raw deal, they would be better off putting their money into a personal pension scheme.

The advantage of a personal pension scheme as a means of saving is that tax relief at your highest rate paid is allowed on all contributions up to 17.5 per cent of earnings (more for the over 50s). For the basic-rate taxpayer this means that every £100 saved costs only £70, and at the top end of the scale the sixty per cent taxpayer has to find only £40 for each £100 invested.

The drawback with putting money into a personal pension scheme is that it is locked up until retirement age, though with the introduction of "loanbacks" on most schemes this is much less of a problem. Your contributions can generally be borrowed back if you need cash.

Undoubtedly, the biggest problem for employees without a company pension scheme is finding out where to go for impartial advice. The Society of Pension Consultants (Ludgate House, Ludgate Circus, London EC4 Tel: 01-353 1688) will be happy to recommend one of its members as will the British Insurance Brokers Association (Fountain House, 130 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 5DJ — Tel: 01-623 9043). Their advice is generally free since they earn commission on any pension policy you eventually decide to buy.

If you want to make your own arrangements, here are some guidelines. Pension policies come in two basic types — conventional "with profits" schemes which are similar to the familiar, with-profits endowment policies, or a unit-linked scheme. With a unit-linked pension plan your contributions buy units in a fund — rather like a unit trust — and at retirement the accumulated value of all your units is used to buy pension benefits.

Both types of scheme pay a pension on retirement, plus a lump sum benefit. The drawback with the unit-linked schemes is that benefits are directly related to fluctuations in share prices. If retirement happens to coincide with a collapse in share prices you will do less well. On the other hand, in the good years, unit-linked policies tend to outperform the conventional with-profits schemes, sometimes by a substantial margin.

The best course of action for someone who has made no pension provision is to start with a conventional, with-profits pension to provide basic minimum benefits, and buy the more risky unit-linked policies as back-up.

Performance tables published by *Money Management* magazine show that half a dozen insurance companies stand head and shoulders above their rivals, and have regularly outperformed the competiton. Looking at the actual pensions paid on traditional with-profits pension schemes, companies which have consistently performed well over both the short, medium and long term are Equitable Life, National Provident, Norwich Union and Provident Mutual.

The Pru compares well over 15 years and 20 years while Yorkshire General, a comparative newcomer to the pension field, has notched up an impressive performance over the 10 year period.

A contribution of £500 a year over the last 10 years would have produced an annual pension of £1,832 a year with National Provident compared with a pension of only £1,095 from one of the worst performing companies. The basic rate taxpayer would have obtained tax relief of £150 a year on these contributions so that net cost over the 10 year period works out at £3,500. At this rate you have to survive only 2 years in retirement to get your money back.

Unlike life policies, you do not have to make regular payments into a pension policy to qualify for the tax relief. You can make one-off single premium payments adjusting the contributions each year to suit your pocket. Instead of having one policy paid for by regular contributions, you have a series of single premium policies, which gives you greater flexibility but the net effect will be very similar. Those companies which come out best in terms of regular premium policies tend to perform well with the single premium version.

Unit linked pension schemes are a relatively recent concept and most companies can show no more than a five-year track record with only one or two having been in existence for ten years or more.

Here again, those companies that perform well for regular premium policies tend to come out among the top half dozen for single premium schemes as well. Top performer over 10 years is M & G Personal Pension scheme with Hambro Property and Managed schemes running a close second and third. Regular premiums of £500 a year would have produced an accumulated fund of £12,657 with M & G or £11,811 and £10,591 with the two Hambro funds respectively.

Over the shorter five year term top performer is a pension linked to Save & Prosper's Property Fund, with two Welfare Life funds in second place and M & G at number three.

If you have been in non-pensionable employment for some years (or have been self-employed) it will almost certainly be possible to relate some of your pension premiums to previous year's earnings. The provisions for doing this are complicated, but the insurance company will generally be only too pleased to do the sums.

There is nothing to be lost by approaching two or three companies and comparing their advice, service and quotations. It is also worth asking — in every case — what happens to your contributions if you die before retirement. You will also need to know details of any widow's or dependents pension. Most companies at least return your contributions and in many instances, add interest. However some pension schemes still provide nothing at all — so do not be afraid to ask.

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Search Europe for work and claim the dole

As the holiday season approaches, those in the dole queue, tired of the fruitless search for work in this country, may consider the possibility of obtaining work in some Mediterranean holiday resort. And if you cannot afford to finance the search for work out of your own pocket, it is possible to qualify for unemployment benefit in this country while seeking work abroad.

It is not generally known that anyone who qualifies for unemployment benefit in this country (not supplementary benefit) can continue to receive it while looking for work in one of the other EEC countries.

It works like this. Anyone who has been registered as unemployed at an unemployment benefit office or careers office and has received unemployment benefit for at least four weeks, can go to another Community country, and continue to be paid for up to three months as long as a serious attempt is being made to find work.

The principle behind this is the free movement of labour between Community countries. The arrangements are, however, restricted to those genuinely trying to find work.

A condition of receiving British unemployment benefit while in another Community country is that the person concerned must register for work in each country in which he intends to look for a job. However, as long as this is done in each new country within seven days of becoming unavailable for work in the country just left, unemployment benefit will be uninterrupted.

If British unemployment benefit is paid to someone in another Community country who then finds work there, that person cannot get it again for another, separate period of unemployment abroad unless in the meantime he has worked in Britain and paid national insurance contributions.

On the other hand, those who work in one of the other EEC countries, paying contributions to the social security scheme there, could well become entitled to that country's unemployment benefit if they subsequently lost a job there.

On return to Britain, anyone in this situation would be able to collect unemployment benefit from the country just left, and get it for three months while looking for work here.

These arrangements also cover sickness benefit. Those who fall sick while looking for a job in one of the Community countries can get United Kingdom sickness benefit abroad, provided that the three-month period of entitlement to British unemployment benefit has not run out.

These arrangements are common to all Community countries. The same applies to their nationals coming to Britain.

The situation in Greece is slightly complicated by the fact that anyone who wants to register for employment there is not allowed to do so without a Greek work permit. This means that anyone not holding a permit cannot go through the registration process and get our unemployment benefit under these arrangements.

Ian McDonald

Motorists will benefit

Motorists insuring with Guardian Royal Exchange and living in one of 22 of GRE's geographichal areas could benefit from reductions in their premiums of up to 8 per cent from June.

Areas affected in England are Avon, Birmingham B1 to B12, B15 to B 19, B21, B66 and B67, Cheshire, Cleveland, Durham, Essex, Greater Manchester, Hereford and Worcester, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, North Yorkshire, Northumberland, South Humberside and Tyne and Wear.

Area	Now Pays	From June
Essex & Glos[illegible]	£82.10	£80.60
Birmingham	£92.80	£80.00
Manchester M22, M23 M25 and M32 to M34	£105.70	£82.10
All other areas listed above excluding Manchester M1 to M23 M25, M32 to M35 and M60	£80.00	£74.40

FAMILY MONEY MARKET

Banks
Current account — no interest paid. Deposit accounts — Barclays, Lloyds, and Natwest 10¼ per cent, Midland, 10 per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Monthly income account Natwest 12 per cent. For sums of £5,000-£25,000. Fixed-term deposits — 1 month 12½ per cent, 3 and 6 months, 12 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

Money funds
Seven-day deposits. Simco 7-day fund — 12.62 per cent. Tyndall 7-day Fund 12½ per cent Simco *dollar fund — 14.18 per cent.* UDT Average Rate Deposits 12⅝ per cent. Western Trust one month Money-market a/c: 12½ per cent interest paid without deduction of tax. Further details from: Simco 01-236 0233. UDT 01-623 3020. Tyndall 0272 732241. Western Trust 0752 261161.

National Savings Bank
Ordinary accounts — interest 5 per cent, first £70 of interest tax-free. Investment Account — *13 per cent, interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

National Savings Certificates 24th Issue.
Return totally free of all taxes, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-year term of 8.92%, maximum investment £2,500.

National Savings index-link d certificates
Ma num investment £5,000, re n tax-free and linked to c ges in the retail prices index, er cent bonus if held full five rs to maturity. Cash value of 00 certificates purchased in ay 1977, £182.28 including 4 er cent bonus.

Guaranteed Income Bonds
Return paid net of basic rate tax, higher rate taxpayers may have a further liability on maturity.
2 years, General Portfolio 10.8 per cent min investment £500.
3 years, General Portfolio 11.2 per cent min investment £500.
4 years, American Life 11-12.5 per cent (dependent on age) min investment £1,000.
5 years, Eurolife 12 per cent min investment £1,000.

Local authority town hall bonds
Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate tax deducted at source reclaimable by non-taxpayers). One year Cardiff 13 per cent 2 years Cardiff 13½ per cent 3 years Warrington 13¾ per cent 4-6 years Cardiff 13⅞ per cent 7-10 years Cardiff 14 per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-828 7855, after 3 pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

Local authority yearling bonds
12-month fixed rate investments, interest 13⅛ per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbrocker or bank.

Building societies
Ordinary share accounts — 8.75 per cent. Term shares — 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 2 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes — 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate. Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax, not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

Finance for Industry
Fixed-term, fixed-rate investments of between 3 and 10 years, interest paid half-yearly without deduction of tax: 3-4 years, 13¼ per cent; 5-7 years, 13½ per cent; 8-10 years, 13¾ per cent; Further information from FFI 91 Waterloo Road, London SE1 (01-928 7822).

Finance house deposits (UDT)
Fixed-term, fixed-rate deposits, interest paid without deductions of tax. "Five-fifty" scheme: 6 months, 12¾ per cent; 1 year, 12¾ per cent; 2 years, 13 per cent.

Foreign currency deposits*
Interest paid without deduction of tax. Rates quoted are for £1,000 and will improve by up to 1¾ per cent depending on balance.

	notice 1 day	7 days
US dollar (call)	12¼ p.c.	12¾ p.c.
Yen (2 days)	3¾ p.c.	3½ p.c.
D. Mark	5¼ p.c.	5¾ p.c.
French Franc	16 p.c.	16½ p.c.
Swiss Franc	nil	nil

*Rates quoted by Midland Bank — other banks may differ.

March RPI: 313.4 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month) February RPI: 310.7 (The new RPI figure is not announced until the third week of the following month).

MARKET SUMMARY

Week ends on a firm note

The stock market ended the week on a firm note, with a good tone in late trading even if the volume of business continued to be low. There was caution about the Falklands crisis, because of the lack of knowledge about the stage of negotiations.

The tighter conditions in the money markets added to the unease. But the weight of money in the hands of the big funds is keeping the market buoyant, and buying for the new three-week account helped sentiment.

Gilts came off with the tighter money market conditions. Long, short and medium dated stocks were all down a quarter. The gilt market was also affected by renewed worries in the United States about the size of the government's budget deficit, and the usual Friday hiatus ahead of the weekly United States money supply figures. United States rates have been moving up again mid-week.

Leigh Interest, the Wolverhampton-based waste processor, is being chased by local investors in anticipation of figures next week on growth prospects from its "pryolysis" project. The process produces oil from scrap, including tyres. The shares closed at 108p up 12p.

Glaxo was very firm, as news came through that the United States Food and Drug Administration had, as expected, passed its anti-ulcer drug, Zantac, for distribution there.

Oils were firmer. Earlier in the day there had been rumours that BNOC might ask for a $3 a barrel price rise, but the later view was that this would be premature at this stage, but could be possible in a month or so. BP were up 6p at 320p, Shell rose 4p to 420p. Ultramar, however, were down 11p at 430p on Thursday's warning that profits would continue depressed this year.

Grand Metropolitan did not, after all, have a rights issue. The shares rose 1p to 221p on news of profits in line with expectations at £74.8m. Interest charges came to £71m, so the company continues to be an interest rate play.

Grindlays fell by 5p from the morning's high to 210p on yet another disappointment that the rumoured dawn raid failed to appear.

Geers Gross rose 8p to 140p, on profits down slightly at £1.01m and a 1 for 4 scrip issue. But Stormgard fell 5p at 15p o halved profits.

Dowty Group has seen profit-taking after the rise in defence shares, and a 1 million share put-through. But the shares rose 5p at 133p. Several brokers, are going for slightly improved profits, even if mining equipment continues to suffer from low Coal Board offtake.

Electro Protective, the offshoot of Hawley Leisure, went to 97p at the close against the sale price 87½p. There had been hopes that the new issue ould reach 100p in the market, and the slightly disappointing premium brought Hawley down to a premium of 23p over the striking price, at 273p.

Banks were depressed, losing 4p on worries about Saturday opening.

Lee Cooper recovered 7p at 135p after recent figures.

Sally White

CURRENCIES

The dollar had another good day, although closing levels were below par. Eurodollars stayed firm and United States interest rates are expected to stay reasonably high with United States Money supply showing an increase of about $1,500m.

Continental currencies were quiet. Operators just squared their positions in anticipation of the annual Forex Conference in London next week.

The strength of the dollar pushed sterling down to $1.8140. But by the close, the pound was back to $1.8250 for a 10 point net rise. The effective exchange rate held steady at 90.4 throughout.

Dealers did not detect the Bank of England in the market. Selling of sterling was light although there was a growing feeling in the market that this weekend could be crucial to the outcome of the Falklands crisis.

Continental currencies cheaper to New York included the Deutsche mark, down from DM2.2945 to DM2.3055, the Swiss franc, down from SWFr1.9370 to SWFr1.9410, and the French franc, down from Fr5.9935 to Fr6.0200.

MONEY MARKETS

In the Discount Market money was tight for much of the day, but the afternoon proved less difficult than might have been expected, and some cheap balances were picked up at the close.

Faced with a forecast of £450m shortage, houses kept their bids for fresh funds firmly up to 13 per cent until lunchtime.

It bought up a further £60m of bank bills in the afternoon to make a total of £448m for the day.

Few money market operators were inclined to do more than keep a low profile ahead of a weekend that could prove crucial in the Falklands crisis.

LATEST RESULTS

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
Allied Plant (F)	12.9(12.4)	0.04(1.0)	0 01(6.4)	0.1(—)	—	1.89(—)
Border & Sthn (I)	—(—)	2.6(2.15)	—(—)	—(—)	—	—(—))
J W Cameron (F)	52.3(44.8)	4.06(4.5)	5.4(7.4)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Caparo Inds (F)	—(—)	0.4(0.35*)	5.28(10.33*)	0.5(—)	16/7	1.0(—)
Cramphorn (I)	4.61(4.2)	0.11*(0.07)	—(—)	5(5)	—	—(—)
East Rand Cons (F)	—(—)	0.54(0.64)	2.43(2.9)	1.1(1.05)	—	1.1(1.05)
Ell'n Lns (F)	216.8(210.4)	2.5(1.8)	37.0(80*)	9.87(5.56)	—	12.28(7.81)
M J Gleeson (I)	23(29)	0.68(0.46)	6.36(4.22)	1.1(1.0)	—	—(2.8)
Grand Met (I)	1,827(1,495)	749(68.0)	10.1(9.6)	3.5(3.17)	—	—(7.425)
Long & Hambly (I)	4.7(6.46)	0.9*(0.8*)	4.99*(2.06*)	Nil(Nil)	—	—(—)
Mettoy (F)	28.17(25.75)	2.74*(3.48*)	16.5*(18.7*)	—(0.1)	—	—(0.1)
Stormgard (F)	0.85(1.59)	0.027(0.05)	0.75(2.32)	Nil(—)	—	—(—)
Tollemache (F)	23.7(21.2)	0.57(0.01)	4.41(—)	—(—)	—	—(—)
Warnford Inv (F)	4.08(3.4)	3.3(2.3)	23.8(12.21)	6.5(—)	—	12.0(10.0)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax. *=Loss.

CAPITAL MARKETS

Manufacturers Hanover is lead manager for a $75m (£39m) floating rate note issue on behalf of Ireland. Maturity is 1989 or 1994 on the choice of the noteholder. The coupon is ⅛ per cent over dollar Libor with a minimum of 5¼ per cent.

The Asian Development Bank has signed an agreement in Tokyo to borrow Yn20,000 (£4,405m) in two tranches from a syndicate of 17 Japanese banks, the Industrial Bank of Japan said as lead manager.

West Germany has signed an agreement to provide Indonesia with a $52.45m (£27.75m) to help finance Indonesian Development projects in West Suatera.

A 10-year, DM 50m (£11.38m) Eurobond issue for the City of Helsinki has been launched with an 8.87 per cent coupon and an expected 99.25 per cent pricing.

BIDS AND DEALS

British Petroleum and Neste, Finland's State oil company, have signed a letter of intent, whereby BP proposes to sell its 100 per cent shareholding in its two Finnish companies, BP-Petco and Sudmen BP, to Neste.

Under the proposed arrangement Neste will retain both BP-Petco and Sudmen BP as 100 per cent subsidiaries. Neste will continue to market BP's chemicals and lubricants in Finland.

The following are not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission: Lonsdale Universal's proposed merger with John Menzies; Trafalgar House's proposed merger with Redpath, Dorman, Long; Harrison and Crosfield's merger with Steetley Industries' Australian chemicals business; and Mercantile Credit's proposed acquisition of a substantial minority interest in Appleyard Group.

WALL STREET

New York, May 14.—Stocks prices closed slightly lower in lackluster trading as investors moved to the sidelines to await the weekly money supply figures, released after the close.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fluctuated in a very narrow range all day before finishing down 1⅛ points at 857.78 points. Declines edged advances by around 725 to 650, and volume fell to some 50 million shares from 58.23 million shares yesterday.

Analysts projected an increase of about $1,000m to $2,000m in the closely watched M-1 measure of the money supply, although some estimates placed the gain closer to $4,000m.

	May 14	May 13		May 14	May 13		May 14	May 13
Allied Chem	37½	37¼	Fst Chicago	19⅛	19¼	Phillips Petrol	32	32⅞
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Intrst Bncp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	14⅛	14⅛	Fst Nat Boston	[illegible]	25	PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	3¼	Proctor Gamble	84⅞	84½
Amax Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Ford	24	23⅞	Pub Ser El & Gas	21½	21⅝
Amerada Hess	22	21⅞	GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Airlines	17¼	16⅞	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	42⅝	42⅛	Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	Republic Steel	18⅞	19
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Foods	36¼	36	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	48
Am Can	27⅞	27⅛	Gen Mills	40⅝	41⅛	Reynolds Metal	20⅛	20⅜
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Motors	44	44⅝	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Geers Gross sees upturn in trading

Geers Gross, the London advertising agency which is also big in the United States, suffered a slight drop in pretax profits from £1.13m to £1.01m for the year to December 1981.

Turnover moved ahead from £46.2m to £53.3m but earnings per share dropped to 8.1p from 10.9p last time. A final dividend of 2.85p gross, making a total payout of 5.7p gross, has been declared, the same as last year.

The directors are also recommending a one-for-four bonus share issue, which increases the paid-up capital to over £1m. This increase will bring trustee status for the shares. The new shares will not, however, rank for the final dividend.

Interest charges fell for the year from £164,000 to £101,000 and the tax charge also fell to £394,000 from last year's £428,000. Extraordinary charges were £7,000 against last year's £69,000.

Mr Charles Hoare, chairman, said he considered the profits to be satisfactory overall and first quarter results for 1982 showed the group is set for considerable growth.

Profits were less than last year because of lower margins in London, but that had been reversed, the company said. First quarter trading in London was 30 per cent ahead of last year.

The group also increased its number of clients in New York. Trading in the United States remains strong and spending on advertising is expected to show a 20 per cent increase in 1982.

The shares rose 8p to 140p — a new high. The gross dividend yield is 4.6 per cent.

Profits rise for Ellerman

Ellerman Lines, the shipping group with brewing interests, increased pre-tax profits from £1.8m to £2.5m for the year to December 1981. Sales increased to £216m from £210m, while profit from trading rose steeply to £4.6m from £1.6m last time.

The final dividend has been increased to 13.97p gross against 7.94p gross. For the year as a whole, the dividend payout is 17.5p gross. For the year as a whole, the dividend payout is 17.5p gross against 11.15p gross.

Income from investments fell to £4.1m from £5.8m, and financing charges to £5m from £6.9m. The tax charge increased from £742,000 to £953,000. Earnings per £1 of deferred ordinary stock were 37p against a loss of 80p last time.

The group said yesterday that 1982 would be a difficult year. Shipping continues to be competitive and there are few signs of improvement in brewing.

Raised forecast for Attwoods



David Wickins, Attwoods chairman

The board of Attwoods, the former British Car Auctions subsidiary, has raised its forecast of taxable profits in the year to July from £240,000 to not less than £345,000.

The group, which regained a listing on the Stock Exchange after a reverse takeover of Maybank Enterprises, the sand and gravel group has raised it forecast partly as a result of selling two loss-making subsidiaries and partly after an improvement in the W W Drinkwater subsidiary.

Besides its sand and gravel interests, Attwoods retains one Mercedes-Benz dealership which made a pretax profit of £230,000 in the six months to January. Attwoods shares slipped 4p to 86p with BCA hardening ½p to 96p. Both groups are headed by Mr David Wickins.

■ A 9 per cent increase in sales to £28.17m helped Mettoy, the Swansea based toy manufacturer, trim pretax losses from £3.48m to £2.74m in 1981 after being down from £2.17m to £1.62 at the half way stage. But there is no dividend for the year after the token final payment last year of 0.14p gross; and Mettoy shares responded with a 1p fall to 10p, a new low for the year.

■ A nine-month contribution from newly acquired Central Manufacturing and Trading (CMT) helped Caparo Industries transform a loss of £350,000 to a taxable profit of £419,000 in 1981.

COMMODITIES

COPPER Afternoon.— Higher grade cash was steadier. £857.50-8 50: three months £886.0 6 50. Sales: 9,825 tonnes mainly carries. Cash standard cathodes were quiet. £850.0-1.0: three months. £878.0- 79.00. Sales. 575 tonnes mainly carries. Morning.— Higher grade cash. £854 0- 4.50: three months £882.0-2.50 Settlement. £854.50. Sales 11,250 tonnes Cash standard cathodes. £846.0-6 50: three months. £874 555.0. Settlement. £846.50 Sales. 200 tonnes

TIN Afternoon.— Standard cash was steady. £7110-20 a tonne. three months £7225 30 Sales. 2865 tonnes. High grade was idle cash £7110-20 three months £7225-30. Sales. nil tonnes Morning.— Standard cash £7105-7110: three months £7220-25. Settlement. £7110. Sales. 700 tonnes. High grade cash £7220-20. three months. £7220-25. Settlement. £7210 Sales nil tonnes. Singapore tin ex-works. $M29 53 a picul.

LEAD was steadier. Afternoon — Cash £317.0-17 50 per tonne: three months £330 0-0 50. Sales. 9075 tonnes. Morning — Cash £314 25. Sales. 10,425 tonnes.

ZINC was steadier. Afternoon.—Cash. £412 50—13.00 per tonne. three months £418 0—19.00. Sales. 4,525 tonnes. Morning.—Cash £410.5—1.00. Sales. 8,700 tonnes

PLATINUM was at £173.0 ($315.50) a troy ounce.

SILVER WAS very steady. Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot 366.20p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent. 665.00). three months 377.70p (668.50c): six months. 389.25p (711.90c): one year 414.70p (761.70c). London Metal Exchange. —Afternoon.—Cash 369.9—70.1p: three months 380.9—81.0p. Sales. 29 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash. 365.9—6.3p: three months. 377.0—7.2p Settlement. 366.5p. Sales. 35 lots.

ALUMINIUM was steady. Afternoon. —Cash. £542.50—43 00 per tonne: three months £563 50—64.00. Sales. 2025 tonnes. Morning.—Cash £542.5-3.50: three months £563.5-4.5. Settlement. £543.5. Sales. 4775 tonnes.

NICKEL was steady. Afternoon. — Cash £2,925-35 per tonne. three months. £2,988-90. Sales. 132 tonnes. Morning —Cash. £2,935-40: three months. £2 990-95. Settlement. £2,940. Sales. 522 tonnes.

GOLD FUTURES (£ per ounce). — Aug. £190.10-£189.85 (not trade 189.90): Sept. £191 80-£191.30 (no trade): Oct. £193.65-£193.50 (no trade). Nov. £195.45-£195.00 (no trade) Sales: 28 lots making 490 on day Tone steadier

RUBBER (pence per kilo). — June. 55 00-55.80: July. 55.90-56 40. July/Sept. 56 00-56 30: Oct/Dec. 57.40-57.60: Jan/March. 59.30-59.40 April/June. 61 00-61 10: July/Sept. 62.70-62 80: Oct/Dec. 64.50-64 70: Jan/March. 66.30-66 40. Sales: 28 lots at five tonnes. 352 at 15 tonnes.

COFFEE.—ROBUSTAS (£ per tonne): May. 1156-1157: July 1142-1143: Sept 1107-1109: Nov. 1088-1090: Jan. 1081-1085: March. 1070-1074: May. 1065-1075. Sales: 1850 lots including 21 options.

COCOA (£ per metric ton).— May. 925-928: July. 955-956: Sept. 981-982: Dec. 1019-1020. March. 1050-1051: May. 1070-1071: July. 1090-1091. Sales. 1577 lots

SUGAR.— The London daily price of "raws" was £5 lower at £106: the "whites" price was £1 lower at £140. Futures (£ per tonne). Aug. 116 85-116.95: Oct. 121.80-122.00. Jan. 125.50-127.25: March. 132.25-132 50. May. 135.75-136.00: Aug. 140 00-141.50: Oct. 144.00-146.00. Sales: 4005 lots. ISA prices (May 13: daily 7.86c; 15-day average 8.64c.

SOYABEANMEAL (£ per tonne) — June 133 60-134.00: Aug 133.20-133.30. Oct 133.50-133.60: Dec 136.50-136.80: Feb 140.00-141.00: April 142 00-145.00. Sales: 139 lots.

WOOL — NZ crossbreds no. 2 contract. (cents per kilo) — May 365-375. Aug 391-395: Oct 403-405: Dec 406-408: Jan 408-409: March 418-419: May 427-428: Aug 438-439: Oct 438-433: Sales: 68. lots.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 14.
GB Cattle 101.34p per kg lw (-0.89) UK Sheep 199.35p per kg est dcw (-24 19) GB Pigs 80.67p per kg lw (+3.25)

Home-Grown Cereals Authority. — Location ex-farm spot prices:

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Eastern	£125.40	£120.00	£115.00
E Mids	—	£120.90	£112.00
N East	—	£120.00	£115.00
Scotland	—	£122.00	£114.40

ENGLAND AND WALES Cattle nos down 11.3 per cent ave price 100.70p (-1.27) Sheep nos up 15.4 per cent ave price 199.56p (-38.40) Pig nos up 2.6 per cent ave price 80.67p (+3.25)

SCOTLAND Cattle nos up 30.8 per cent ave price 102.59p (-0.4) Sheep nos up 113.0 per cent ave price 192.07p (-5.15)

INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM EXCHANGE ($ US per tonne).- May 305.00-306.00: June 301.00-01.25: July 295.50-96.00: Aug 297.00-97.25: Sept 295 050-96.00: Oct 296.50-98.00: Nov 298.00-301.00: Dec 298.00-304.00: Jan 298.00-306.00. Sales: 3054 lots of 100 tonnes each.

POTATOES (Gafta).- Feb £7700: April £8960: May £10.000: Nov £6710. Sales 265 lots of 40 tonnes each.

Stock Exchange Prices

Account ends on firm note

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Monday, Dealings End, June 4. § Contango Day, June 7. Settlement Day, June 14.
§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS

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C — E

F — H

I — L

M — N

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
103	70	Macfarlane	103	+9	5.7	5.5	10.6
31	18	McInerney Prop	29	..	2.2	7.7	6.7
55	25	Mackay H.	51	..	5.7	11.2	6.8
127	85	McKechnie Bros	109	..	10.4	9.5	8.8
86	56	Macpherson D.	85	..	6.0	7.1	11.4
174	108	Magnet & S'thns	165	-3	7.1	4.3	11.8
217	94	Man Agcy Music	94	..	12.5	13.3	8.0
154	72	Marchwiel	132	..	9.4	7.1	10.4
165	106	Marks & Spencer	165	..	6.6	4.0	17.9
51	33½	Marley Ltd	45½	-1½	3.2	7.1	12.6
37	14½	Marling Ind	36	+1	1.4	3.9	25.2
50	22	Marshall T Lox	46	..	4.0	8.7	4.1
46	21	Do A	42	..	4.0	9.5	3.7

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High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
102	82	Stag Furniture	95	..	7.1	7.5	10.8
70	39	Stakis (Reo)	64	..	2.3	3.6	10.5
569	374	Standard Tel	567	+7	19.3	3.4	15.8
81	45	Stanley A. G.	61	..	3.6	5.9	11.7
238	134	Steel Bros	238	+5	13.7b	5.8	5.9
222	154	Steetley Co	181	..	15.0	8.3	12.9
28½	12½	Steinberg	28	..	..e	..	..
118	62	Stonehill	63	..	6.1	9.6	21.6
33	16	Streeters	28	..	..	..	9.6
66	46	Strong & Fisher	46	..	4.3	9.3	..
115	79	Sunlight Serv	113	..	4.8	4.3	9.3
52	26	Sutcliffe S'man	30	..	..e	..	..
188	85½	Swire Pacific 'A'	114½	-2	..	..	..
195	140	Syltone	189	..	12.9	6.8	21.0

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

SHIPPING

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

RUBBER

TEA

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
230	178	Assam Frontier	224	..	14.3	6.5	..
468	415	Camellia Inv	480	..	8.6	1.9	..
380	230	McLeod Russel	280	-3	11.8	4.2	..
153	101	Do 8.4% Cny Pf	101	..	12.0	11.9	..
295	253	Moran	295	..	7.1e	2.4	..
128	93	Surmah Valley	125	..	1.4	1.1	..

MISCELLANEOUS

High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
46	27½	Calcutta Elec	45	..	8.8	19.3	..
34½	29	Essex Wtr 3.5%	£33½	..	500	14.9	..
34	20	Gt Nthn Tele	£32	..	82.2	2.6	14.3
265	150	Imp Cont Gas	198	..	11.9	6.0	12.5
158	93	Milford Docks	132	..	0.7	0.5	..
193	118	Nesco Inv	118	-2	10.0	8.5	..
35	28½	Sunderlnd Wtr	£33½	..	500	14.9	..

• Ex dividend. a Ex all. b Forecast dividend. c Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. h Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earnings. p Ex capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. y Price adjusted for late dealings. .. No significant data.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A I M Group 10p Ord (140)	170
Bristol Water 9% Red Pf 1987 (+ 5)	£11½
Cass Group 10p Ord (105a)	107
Continental Microwave 25p Ord (260a)	380
De Brett (Andre) 10p Ord (60a)	61
Dew George 25p Ord	126
Druck Holdings 5p Ord (130a)	145
Fleet Holdings 20p Ord	21
In Technology 5p Ord (250a)	246
Jebsens Drilling 25p Ord (a)	263
Oceonics 10p Ord (130a)	195
Osprey Assets 25p Ord	32½
PH Industrials 25p Ord	46
Standard Securities 25p Ord	136

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	Closing Price
Ansbacher H. (10‡)	Jun 18	10½ prem -½
Bank Leumi UK (170‡)	July 26	190f
Carless Capel (135‡)		35 prem -6
Steel Bros (170‡)	Jun 11	36 prem

Issue price in parentheses. • Ex dividend. ‡ Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a unlisted securities market. b £10 paid. f fully paid. g £30 paid. h £50 paid. i £35 paid. j £55 paid. k Issued in units of sixteen shares and £5 nominal loan stock at £8 per unit.

Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) May 14	Market rates (close) May 14	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.8140-1.8280	$1.8245-1.8255	0.27-0.37c disc	0.70-0.80c disc
Montreal	$2.2440-2.2600	$2.2575-2.2585	0.60-0.70c disc	1.50-1.60c disc
Amsterdam	4.65½-4.69½fl	4.67-4.68fl	2-1½c prem	5-4½c prem
Brussels	79.20-79.80f	79.55-79.65f	25-35c disc	65-75c disc
Copenhagen	14.21-14.29k	14.27-14.28k	870-960ore disc	2095-2230ore disc
Dublin	1.2110-1.2210p	1.2150-1.2160p	65-80p disc	190-210p disc
Frankfurt	4.19-4.22m	4.20½-4.21½m	1⅞-1⅝pf prem	4⅝-4⅜pf prem
Lisbon	127.50-129.00e	128.35-128.85e	110-390c disc	325-1020c disc
Madrid	187.75-187.75p	187.40-187.60p	60-85c disc	215-285c disc
Milan	2333-2348lr	2344-2346lr	19-22lr disc	59½-63½lr disc
Oslo	10.81-10.88k	10.86½-10.87½k	540-650ore disc	1175-1285ore disc
Paris	10.95-11.02f	10.99½-11.00½f	10-14c disc	26-30c disc
Stockholm	10.48-10.55k	10.52-10.53k	45 prem-10ore disc	65-5ore prem
Tokyo	427-433y	428½-429½y	2.55-2.15y prem	6.60-2.20y prem
Vienna	29.55-29.70sch	29.65-29.70sch	14-11gro prem	34-27gro prem
Zurich	3.52½-3.56f	3.54½-3.55½f	3⅝-3¼c prem	8⅞-8⅜c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975, was 90.4 unchanged.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 13%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Weekend: High 13 Low 10
Week Fixed: 13-12⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	12⅞	2 months	12¾
3 months	12 11/16	3 months	12½

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month	13 1/16-12 15/16	1 month	13¾
2 months	12 29/32-12 25/32	2 months	13½
3 months	12⅞-12¾	3 months	13¼
6 months	13⅛-13	6 months	13⅛

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	13⅝-13⅜	7 months	13-13⅛
2 months	13½-13¼	8 months	13-12⅞
3 months	13½-13¼	9 months	13-12⅞
4 months	13¾-13½	10 months	13-12⅞
5 months	13⅝-13⅛	11 months	13-12⅞
6 months	13-12⅞	12 months	13-12⅞

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	13¼-13 3/16	6 months	13 1/16-12 15/16
3 months	13 1/16-13 1/16	12 months	13 1/16-12 15/16

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	13¼	3 months	13
7 days	13¼	6 months	13
1 month	13¼	1 year	13

Interbank Market (%)

Weekend: Open 13⅛ Close 12

1 week	13½-13¼	6 months	13⅛-13⅛
1 month	13⅜-13⅛	9 months	13⅛-13⅛
3 months	13¼-13⅛	12 months	13⅛-13⅛

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 13⅛ 6 months 13⅛

Finance House Base Rate 14%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£406.76m	allotted	100m
Bids at	£96.88	received	66%
Last week	£96.845	received	98%
Average rate	12.5023%	Last week	12.6180%
Next week	£100m	replace	£100m

Other Markets

Australia	1.7100-1.7250
Bahrein	0.6850-0.6880
Finland	8.1730-8.2120
Greece	113.05-115.05
Hongkong	10.4775-10.5175
Iran	not available
Kuwait	0.5185-0.5215
Malaysia	4.1745-4.2045
Mexico	84.45-85.95
New Zealand	2.3485-2.3685
Saudi Arabia	6.2350-6.2850
Singapore	3.8010-3.8310
South Africa	1.9295-1.9445

Dollar Spot Rates

* Ireland	1.5000-1.5020
† Canada	1.2373-1.2376
Netherlands	2.5645-2.5675
Belgium	43.62-43.67
Denmark	7.8200-7.8250
West Germany	2.3050-2.3060
Portugal	69.75-70.25
Spain	102.70-102.80
Italy	1283-1285
Norway	5.9565-5.9590
France	6.0150-6.0250
Sweden	5.7840-5.7870
Japan	235.10-235.40
Austria	16.26-16.28
Switzerland	1.9380-1.9410

* Ireland quoted in US currency.
† Canada $1 : US $0.8080-0.8083

Euro-$ Deposits

(%) calls, 14-15; seven days, 14⅞-15⅛; one month, 14¾-15; three months, 14 7/16-14 11/16; six months, 14 7/16-14 11/16.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $331.75 (an ounce); pm, $333.25 close, $335.10.

Krugerrand* (per coin): $344-346 (£188.75-189.75).

Sovereigns* (new): $80-81 (£44-44.5).

* Excludes VAT



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VIEWPOINT

Government must view all options

By Nicholas Keith
Sports Editor

If the fighting between Britain and Argentina continues or deteriorates, the Government will order England, Scotland and Northern Ireland to withdraw from the World Cup finals in Spain next month. Of course, sporting issues must take second place to questions of war and loss of life: we cannot play games against a country with which we are at war.

However, the Government seem on the point of demanding a boycott without exploring all the options. Why is not intense pressure being brought to bear on FIFA, football's governing body, by the British associations to seek the banning of Argentina? After all Argentina are the aggressors in the Falklands crisis and they have been called to heel by United Nations resolution 502. Yet Britain, the injured party in the dispute, are threatening to withdraw, apparently without any suggestion that Argentina should pull out instead, or as well.

Unfortunately, FIFA have a record of complete indifference on political issues. In 1938 Germany were allowed to compete after the Austrian *anschluss*; indeed they included three Austrians in their first match. In the politics of football Argentina have several factors in their favour: they are the World Cup holders; Spain, the hosts, are predisposed towards them and the president of FIFA, João Havelange, is a South American. Even so, all avenues of protest should be pursued on such an important point of principle.

Neil Macfarlane, the Minister for Sport, said yesterday that he had taken at face value reported remarks by Mr Havelange that there was no prospect of Argintina being banned. Such defeatism is disappointing and unexpected.

The situation however is being kept under constant review and no deadline has been set for a decision.

From the point of view of British football, the consequences of withdrawal cannot be exaggerated. But time is against us, as we could be banned from the 1986 finals if the decision to withdraw dies not leave the organizers enough time ti summon replacement nations.

Any decision to pull will be made by Mrs Thatcher and the Cabinet, so they should be aware of all the facts. Their insensitivity over the handling of the 1980 Moscow Olympic boycott does not bade well. The timing of the decision is no easy matter, but let us hope that the Government show consideration and consistency.

The opening and closing of doors is not over yet

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The last week has echoed to the sound of closing doors. By the time the final full programme of an absurdly overcrowded season comes to a close this afternoon, only two of those that are still ajar will probably still be open. They lead to relegation from the first division and promotion from the third.

Liverpool, unchanged yet again, should claim the three points they need to gain the highest honour by beating Tottenham Hotspur. Spurs, after all, have not won at Anfield since 1912, are without Archibald and Galvin as well as Ardiles, and will be sparing the odd thought for their own hopes of glory, at Wembley newt Saturday.

Ipswich Town will continue to try and pick the lock, at home to Nottingham Forest today and to Spurs on Monday, but entry will surely be denied them. Entry into Europe is at stake at Highbury. If Southampton, who welcome back Keegan, fail to win, their inclusion in next season's Uefa Cup will depend on Spurs and Swansea City winning their domestic cups.

Little did Norwich City realize what an FA Cup defeat would do for them. Knocked out in February, they have since taken 40 points out of a possible 51 and need only one more, at Sheffield Wednesday, to be certain of promotion with Luton Town, the champions, and Watford. Leicester City are unlikely to bridge the goal difference gap anyway.

Similarly, Grimsby Town, seemingly beyond recall six weeks ago and who ended Leicester's realistic hopes last Wednesday, need only to triumph at home to be sure of squeezing through to safety. If so, they will condemn their visitors, Cardiff City, and Wrexham as well as Orient, who are already locked out.

Wimbledon, Oxford United's visitors, must repeat a feat they have achieved only twice this season, an away victory, to survive in the third division. Below them Bristol City and Chester meet in a hopeless struggle, poignantly at Ashton Gate where eight sacrificial lambs were laid on the altar earlier this year.

The fourth division's affairs are all decided but for the identity of the champions. Sheffield United, needing onlu a point at Darlington, are favourites. Wigan Athletic, away at Aldershot, are their lone challengers. Rochdale, Northampton, Scunthorpe and especially Crewe, with comfortably the worst record in the League, must prepare for another campaign, that of reelection.

That leaves the two untidy queues. At least only a quartet are waiting for promotion from the third division. Carlisle United and Burnley have pushed themselves to the front and Fulham should join them on Tuesday. Then they meet Lincoln City at Craven Cottage where they have lost twice this season.

The first division relegation issue may not be resolved until next Thursday. Middlesbrough can still escape, but to do so they must conquer both Swansea City and, even more unlikely, Liverpool. Wolverhampton Wanderers have but one last chance and at least they know that West Ham United will be without Martin. Both, however, looked doomed.

The key to the remaining door lies in the frail hands of West Bromwich Albion, twice beaten cup semi-finalists. Even if they lose again today, at Notts County, they can cling on to two pieces of driftwood. On Tuesday they entertain Leeds United in a fixture that could be decisive.

Two days later the curtain will come down on the League season when West Bromwich travel to Stoke City. The curtain could also descend on Ronnie Allen's career as their manager. Out of a possible 57 points, they have gained just 14. Their opponents before the advent of that disastrous run? Norwich.

Ronnie Allen looks as if he is about to preform a much needed bit of legerdemain

Scotland depend on experience

By Norman Fox

Now that the home counties seem to have been given more time to decide on participation in the forthcoming World Cup in Spain, the announcement yesterday of Scotland's party of 40 can be taken with a degree more seriousness.

Jocj Stein, the manager, said: "As it stands at the moment we are going to the World Cup for sure". FIFA, the international controlling body, have made it clear that if Scotland, England and Northern Ireland withdraw they will forfeit places in the 1986 competition and be fined, but no deadline for a decision was imposed.

Mr Stein has recently been to New Zealand to see the team who play Scotland in their opening World Cup match in Malaga. He was confident it was not a wasted journey, saying on his return: "I did not travel all the way there to watch them for nothing".

The very size of the squad means there can be few surprising omissions or unconsidered inclusions. There are 20 players based in Scotland, 19 from the Football League and one from the Continent, Joe Jordan, of AC Milan. Eight players, Rough, Kennedy, Hartford, Souness, Jordan, Dalglish, Johnstone and Robertson, were in the 22-man party for the last World Cup.

Johnstone's appearance is a reward for persistence after being injured this season and it offers a chance of compensation for the disappointments of four years ago when, despite considerable public support, he was not given a match in the finals. In Gray, Mr. Stein has included another centre-forward who may have thought his chance had gone.

Now that Rough has matured internationally, Scotland has less worries about their goalkeeping strength. Nevertheless, their second choice, Wood, has won only four caps and might not have been considered had the Arsenal goalkeeper Jennings not been injured.

While the theme is experience, some comparative newcomers are called in. Among them are Albiston, who won his first cap last month, McCulloch, the Notts County forward and Bremner, the Aston Villa midfield player, who won his only cap in 1976.

Celtic provides the largest proportion of the 40 with five players and Liverpool contribute three, as do Ipswich Town.

SQUAD: A. Rough (Partick Thistle, 46); G. Wood (Arsenal, 4); J. Leighton (Aberdeen, 0); W. Thomson (St Mirren, 4); J. Stewart (Rangers, 2); D. McGrain (Celtic, 59); S. Kennedy (Aberdeen, 8); F. Gray (Leeds, 21); A. Albiston (Man Utd, 1); I. Munro (Sunderland, 7); R. Stewart (West Ham, 5); G. Burley (Ipswich, 9); A. Hansen (Liverpool, 12); A. McLeish (Aberdeen, 15); W. Miller (Aberdeen, 17); D. Narey (Dundee Utd, 11); A. Evans (Aston Villa, 2); D. Bremner (Aston Villa, 1); P. Hegarty (Dundee Utd, 7); G. Souness (Liverpool, 23); A. Hartford (Man City, 47); J. Wark (Ipswich, 15); R. Aitken (Celtic, 5); G. Strachan (Aberdeen, 11); T. Burns (Celtic, 1); J. Bett (Rangers, 1); R. Russell (Rangers, 0); I. McCulloch (Notts County, 0); K. Dalglish (Liverpool, 84); J. Jordan (AC Milan, 49); A. Gray (Wolves, 13); S. Archibald (Tottenham, 13); A. Brazil (Ipswich, 5); P. Sturrock (Dundee Utd, 6); G. McCluskey (Celtic, 0); D. Johnstone (Rangers, 14); J. Robertson (Nottm Forest, 20); D. Provan (Celtic, 9); D. Cooper (Rangers, 1); A. Graham (Leeds, 11).

Muhren in squad for Wembley

Arnold Muhren, of Ipswich Town, is among five players contracted to foreign clubs who are included in the 16-man Netherlands squad for the international match against England at Wembley on May 25.

The others are Van der Korput (Torino), Krol (Naples), Tahamata (Standard Liège) and Rep (St Etienne). Also included is Peters, the Alkmaar midfield player who scored both goals in the Netherlands' 2—0 win over England at Wembley in 1977.

Italy have announced a list of 40 players, from which their coach, Enzo Bearzot, will select 22 for the World Cup in Spain next month.

The list, filed with FIFA, includes 19 players who competed in the finals in Argentina four years ago, and Bettega, the Juventus forward who is nursing a knee injury that has kept him out of the game since November.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Widnes again gamble on centre's fitness

By Keith Macklin

The calculated risk which almost won the Challenge Cup for Widnes is repeated for the Premiership final against the same opponents, Hull, at Headingley today. At Wembley, the Widnes coach, Doug Laughton, brought back his injured centre, Eddie Cunningham, who had spent two months out of the game with a neck injury. Cunningham scored two tries and won the man of the match award. He has not played since that game but has had further intensive treatment and is again thrown into the fray.

Laughton will field what is virtually his Wembley side, with Whitfield challenging Steve O'Neill for a place in the front row.

Hull have left out their second row forwards, Sammy Lloyd and Mick Crane, in an effort to field their biggest possible pack. Trevor Skerrett, Charlie Stone and Keith Tindall are included.

The two clubs follow their meeting in the Premiership with a move across Leeds next Wednesday to contest the replay of the Challenge Cup final. They will thus have met four times in a month in important trophy-hunting matches, involving the championship, Premiership, and Challenge Cup.

Widnes will hope to make no mistakes on this occasion after allowing a 14-6 lead to be overhauled by Hull at Wembley. Hull, realizing that they were let off the hook, are determined to produce their best form this afternoon, particularly the loose forward, Norton, who had a below-par game in the Challenge Cup final.

Hull have already won the John Player Trophy at Headingley this season and may be secretly glad to get away from Wembley. Widnes, who take big games in their stride, are playing in their third Premiership final, having won once and lost once.

Grimsby Town, the second division football club, are considering entering the Rugby League. They will host a challenge match between Leigh and Carlisle on May 29 to test local reaction.

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WEEKEND FIXTURES

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

First division

Arsenal v Southampton
Aston Villa v Everton
Coventry v Birmingham
Ipswich v Nottingham Forest
Leeds v Brighton
Liverpool v Tottenham
Mancester United v Stoke
Notts Co v West Bromwich
Sunderland v Manchester City
Swansea v Middlesbrough
Wolverhampton v West Ham

Second division

Blackburn v Chelsea
Crystal Palace v Newcastle
Derby v Watford
Grimsby v Cardiff
Leicester v Shrewsbury
Luton v Barnsley
Orient v Oldham
QPR v Cambridge United
Sheffield Wednesday v Norwich
Wrexham v Rotherham

FA TROPHY: Final: Altrincham v Enfield (at Wembley).

CENTRAL LEAGUE (2.0): Burnley v Sheffield Wednesday; Huddersfield v Aston Villa; Newcastle v Coventry; Nottingham Forest v Wolverhampton Wanderers; Preston v Liverpool; Sheffield United v Manchester United; Stoke v Bury (3.0); West Bromwich v Derby.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham v Oxford United; Reading v Crystal Palace; Southampton v Arsenal; Swindon v Fulham (2.0); Watford v Plymouth; West Ham v Ipswich (2.0).

ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Marlow v Leyton-Wingate; Whyteleafe v Hoddesdon; Woodford v Rodhill. Cup final: Banstead v Uxbridge (at Leyton-Wingate).

RUGBY LEAGUE: Premiership: Final: Hull v Widnes (at Headingley 2.15).

HOCKEY: Mercian women's national indoor Championships (at Crystal Palace).

Third division

Brentford v Reading
Bristol City v Chester
Carlisle v Bristol Rovers
Chesterfield v Gillingham
Fulham v Preston
Lincoln v Exeter
Newport v Huddersfield (3.15)
Oxford United v Wimbledon
Plymouth v Millwall
Portsmouth v Swindon
Walsall v Doncaster

Fourth division

Aldershot v Wigan
Blackpool v Hartlepool
Bournemouth v Hereford
Bury v York City (3.15)
Crewe v Colchester
Darlington v Sheffield United
Mansfield v Bradford City
Peterborough v Tranmere
Port Vale v Torquay
Rochdale v Northampton

ATHLETICS: University 'Varsity' match (Iffley Road, Oxford).

BADMINTON: Thomas Cup semi-final: Denmark v China (Guild Hall, Preston).

CANOEING: RAF slalom championship (Llandyssul).

DARTS: News of the championship (Wembley Arena, 10.45).

GOLF: Brabazon Trophy (Woburn); Martini International (Lindrick, near Worksop).

TENNIS: Lee-on-Solent tournament.

RACE WALKING: London to Brighton (starts at Westminster, 6.0); national 20km (Enfield).

REAL TENNIS: Amateur doubles (Canford).

ROAD RUNNING: Isle of Wight marathon.

ROWING: Putney Town regatta (Putney); Thames Ditton regatta (Thames Ditton).

SNOOKER: World Championships (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

SWIMMING: SCASA championships (Crystal Palace).

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Rangers
Celtic v St Mirren
Dundee v Airdrie
Morton v Hibernians
Partick Thistle v Dundee […]

Scottish first […]

Clydebank v Ayr
Dunfermline v East Stirling
Falkirk v Queen's Park
Hamilton v Dumbarton
Hearts v Motherwell
Kilmarnock v Queen of So[…]
Raith Rovers v St Johnsto[…]

Scottish secon[…] division

Albion R v Stenhousemuir
Cowdenbeath v Brechin
Forfar v Alloa
Meadowbank v Clyde
Montrose v East Fife
Stirling Albion v Berwick
Stranraer v Arbroath

Tomorrow

GOLF: Brabazon Trophy (Wo[…]) International (Lindrick, near Work[…]).
RACE WALKING: Barking to Sou[…] walk (9.00 am).
REAL TENNIS: Amateur doubles […]
ROAD RUNNING: Welsh AAA […] marathon (Neath); Derby marathon […]
ROWING: Walton junior regatt[…] Vesta dashes (Putney).
SNOOKER: World championship[…] Theatre, Sheffield).
HOCKEY: Mercian women's nati[…] championships (Crystal Palace).

● Gloucestershire's Joh[…] League game against W[…]shire on May 23 ha[…] transferred to Bristo[…], Moreton-in-Marsh.

Unit Trust Prices—change on the week

This table is published on Wednesday and Saturday—FT index change on week 590.6 + 7.3 (1.2%)

Prev W'end Offer	Ch'ge on Week	Trust	Bid	Current Offer	Yield
		Authorized Unit Trusts			
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers,			
		Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
[illegible]	-0.9	American Growth	60.4	64.2	2.23
[illegible]	+0.2	Capital	40.3	43.6	3.78
[illegible]	+0.6	General	65.0	70.2	4.37
[illegible]	+0.7	Gilt & Fixed Int	104.1	109.0	[illegible]
		Cent Board of Fin of The Church of England			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2N 1DB 01-588 1815			
196.2		Invest (42)		196.2	5.81
107.8		Fixed Int (42)		107.0	13.15
		Charities Charities Harrower-Haane Fund.			
		15 Moorgate, London, EC2 01-638 4121			
120.4		Income (34)		130.4	
240.8		Do Accum (34)		240.6	
		Charities Official Investment Fund.			
		77 London Wall, London, EC2 01-588 1815			
160.7		Income (42)		160.7	7.19
423.8		Accum (42)		423.5	
30.2	+0.1	High Yield	28.3	30.3	9.47
25.0	+0.5	Natural Res	23.5	25.5	2.45
69.5	+0.3	Security	65.1	69.7	4.98
44.4	+0.1	Special Sits	41.6	44.5	2.61
46.3	-0.1	Far East	42.0	46.2	1.32
28.0	+0.3	Gilt & FI Gth	27.3	28.3	4.06
26.7	+0.1	European	25.0	26.8	2.07
		Key Fund Managers Ltd,			
		1-3 Wappin St, EC2A 2AB 01-628 6828			
98.0	+5.0	Equity & Gen.	98.4	103.6	8.20
177.6	+17.3	Energy Ind Fund	[illegible]	[illegible]	
		Pearl Unit Trust Managers Ltd.			
		252 High Holborn, WC1V 7EB. 01-405 8441			
37.0	+0.2	Growth	34.5	37.2	4.72
61.1	+0.3	Do Accum	47.8	51.4	4.72
43.0	+0.1	Income	40.0	43.1	6.87
52.5	+0.2	Unit Trust	49.0	52.7	5.52
79.0	+0.4	Do Accum	73.8	79.4	5.52
		Pelican Unit Administration,			
		57/63 Princess St., Manchester. 061-236 5685			
145.9	+0.4	Pelican	[illegible]	[illegible]	
		Unit Trust Account & Management,			
		King William St, EC4R 9AR 01-623 4951			
59.1	+1.1	Friars Hse Fnd	56.5	60.2	4.7
		Insurance Bonds and Funds			
192.1	+0.7	Pen FI Cap	183.1	192.8	
256.5	+1.3	Do Accum	244.9	257.8	
342.6	+1.0	Pen Prop Cap	326.4	343.6	
504.9	+2.3	Do Accum	481.8	507.2	
327.4	+14.0	Pen Man Cap	324.3	341.4	
491.0	+6.7	Do Accum	478.5	503.7	
85.0		Do Money Acc	80.8	85.0	
56.4		Do Dep Cap	53.1	55.4	
78.3		Do Dep Acc	74.4	78.3	
60.2		Do Int FI Cap	57.2	[illegible]	
179.5	+2.4	Pen Equity Cap	172.8	[illegible]	
192.0	+2.7	Do Accum	182.8	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CRICKET

Choice of Gower good news for Fletcher

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The choice of David Gower to lead the MCC side against the Indians at Lord's next Wednesday suggests that Keith Fletcher will be England's captain when the Test series against India starts early next month. If that sounds lide double-dutch, let me explain.

Gower is not yet ready to take an England side into a Test match. However, he is now vice-captain of Leicestershire, a jov he could do for England in Australia next winter before throwing his hat into the ring for the full captaincy in a couple of years time. If the selectors had heen thinking of Cook, or perhaps Barclay, as Fletcher's immediate successor, they would have had him lead the side in this match.

Tavaré might come into the reckoning one day, as might Gatting, who made a name for himself in Australia a year or two ago when he captained Balmain, one of Sydney's leading clubs. For the moment, though, Gower has stolen a march on them.

A fortnight ago, when outlining his plans for the season, Peter May, the new chairman of selectors, had a message for the young men of England. They must "pull up their sleeves and take the chance given them by the banning of the team to South Africa". Well, in the first side to be chosen by May and his committee, three old hands are brought back — Edmonds, Miller and Randall — and Pringle, the Cambridge captain, is the one recruit.

Since Edmonds last played for England, against India in 1979, he has known what it is to suffer a sudden and devastating loss of confidence. This was at the start of last season, when he could never be sure where his next ball would pitch. It is much to his credit to have come back into Test contention. He still makes useful runs and fields as well as anyone in the short leg area, all of which helps the balance off a side. But with Underwood in balk it is Edmond's bowling that the selectors will be looking at.

Although he played the first of his 25 Test matches six years ago, Miller is still only 29. He, too, will have the recent South African adventure to thank if his Test career comes to life again, Emburey having been, until he went there, the man in possession. Randall, who is 31, owes his return to hes fielding, which is as brilliant as ever, and the fact that he has in his time made two *large hundreds against* Australia. He has also started the season quite well.

But Derek Pringle, whose late father played for East Africa in the first Prudential World Cup in 1975 is the man of the season so far having made runs, taken wickets and yesterday leading Cambridge to one of their best victories for many years. He is one of several very good cricketers produced in recent years by Felsted (cricket professional, Gorden Barker, cricket master, J A Cockett).

The last resident English undergraduate from Oxford or Cambridge to be chosen at this level was Brearley in 1964. Before that there was Gents and Players in which to put them through their paces.

MCC: G Cook (Northamptonshire), C J Tavaré (Kent), D W Randall (Nottinghamshire), M W Gatting (Middlesex), D Gower (Leicestershire, captain), G Miller (Derbyshire), D R Pringle (Cambridge University and Essex), P H Edmonds (Middlesex) C J Richards (Surrey, wicket keeper), G R Dilley (Kent), P J W Allot (Lancashire).

Sussex unstoppable

Hove: Sussex (24 pts) beat Essex (5) by 10 wickets.

Essex are unlikely to be beaten much more comprehensively this season, certainly in a county championship match, than they were by Sussex yesterday, John Woodcock writes. The winning margin of 10 wickets in no way flattered Sussex; in beautiful weather and on an excellent pitch they were unstoppable.

In rounding up the loose ends yesterday morning Imran took three wickets and Le Roux and Greig one each; Phillip held another lovely slip catch, diving to his right, and when Suusex went in to make the 37 they needed for victory, Gould, opening in place of Barclay, exuded confidence.

SUSSEX: First Innings 378 (Imran Khan 85, I J Gould 74, G S Le Roux 60, J K Lever 5 for 91)

Second Innings

G D Mendis not out	8
† I J Gould not out	26
Extras (b2 lb3 nb1)	6
Total (no wkt)	40

*J R T Barclay, C M Wells, P W G Parker, Imran Khan, I A Greig, C P Phillipson, G S Le Roux, A C S Pigott and C E Waller did not bat.

BOWLING. Turner 6-2-13-0; Gooch 5-0-17-0, Fletcher 1-0-4-0

ESSEX: First Innings 170 (K W R Fletcher 64, G A Gooch 56, Imran Khan 4 for 40)

Second Innings

G A Gooch c Phillipson b Pigott	3
B R Hardie c Parker b Pigott	25
*K W R Fletcher c Wells b Pigott	3
K S McEwan c Le Roux b Pigott	31
A W Lilley b Le Roux	39
N Phillip c Phillipson b Le Roux	56
S Turner b Imran	22
† D E East not out	36
R E East c Parker b Greig	10
J K Lever lbw b Imran	0
N A Foster c Gould b Imran	7
Extras (b4 lb6 nb2)	12
Total	244

FALL OF WICKETS 1-21, 2-30, 3-44, 4-84, 5-138, 6-185, 7-189, 8-220, 9-220, 10-244

BOWLING Imran 20.5-2-75-3, Le Roux 14-1-44-2, Pigott 13-2-53-4, Greig 12-2-42-1, Waller 7-0-18-0

Umpires W L Budd and D R Shepherd.

Second XI

HASTINGS Kent II 253 and 273 for 4 dec. Sussex II 127 and 218 (A Green 54, D Smith 56) Kent won by 187 runs.

Cambridge U v Lancs

AT CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge University beat Lancashire by 7 wickets

LANCASHIRE: First Innings 304 (D P Hughes 106, D Lloyd 54)

Second Innings

A Kennedy lbw b Pringle	17
J Abrahams c Varey b Pringle	14
[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	128

FALL OF WICKETS: [illegible]

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings 274 [illegible]

Second Innings [illegible]

Umpires: P J Eele and J Morley.

Middx v Northants

AT LORDS

Middlesex (24 pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 9 wickets

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 379 for 5 dec (J M Brearley 165, J E Emburey 100 not out)

Second Innings

* J M Brearley not out	21
W N Slack c Cook b Sarfraz	1
[illegible]	37
[illegible]	8
Total (1 wkt)	67

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings 220 [illegible]

Second Innings

[illegible]

Total	225

FALL OF WICKETS [illegible]

BOWLING: [illegible]

Umpires: J Birkenshaw and A Jepson.

Yorks v Glamorgan

AT LEEDS

[illegible]

Total (5 wkts dec)	248

[illegible]

Total (2 wkts)	112

[illegible]

Derby v Somerset

AT DERBY

Derbyshire (23pts) beat Somerset (5) by 9 wickets

[illegible]

Total	177

[illegible]

Total (1 wkt)	108

[illegible]

Second XI championship

[illegible]

Leicester v Surrey

AT LEICESTER

Leicestershire (24 pts) beat Surrey (7) by 5 wickets

SURREY: First Innings: 356 (G S Clinton 102, D M Smith 88)

Second Innings

[illegible]

Total (5 wkts dec)	260

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings: 331 (D I Gower 99, J C Balderstone 84, S T Clarke 4 for 101)

Second Innings

[illegible]

Total (5 wkts)	292

[illegible]

Gloucester in need of a requiem after all

By Alan Gibson

BRISTOL: Worcestershire (18pts) beat Gloucestershire (5) by 11 runs:

With editorial permission I left Northamptonshire at Lord's for Brearley to deal with and repaired to Bristol where there had been a chance of an interesting finish. In this I was not disappointed. At the start Worcestershire were 243 ahead, with two second innings wickets left. They lost these quickly and Gloucestershire had to score 249, which would have been the highest of the match. However, they had plenty of time and they had Zaheer, so it did not seem impossible.

There had been talk of "ridges" and "depressions" in the pitch, but this is not uncommon when a lot of wickets have fallen for no obvious reasons and one of the most experienced Bristol judges who had been watching throughout — regular readers will recall him as the purpureal Basil — told me that it had mostly been bad batting.

Gloucestershire lost two quick wickets: Stovold was bowled, Sadiq caught in the gully and the score was only 29. However, the big left-hander Broad had got his eye in and Zaheer, not without uncertain moments, began to *play well*. At lunch, after 25 overs, the score was 50 for two but there had been a sinister over from Gifford just beforehand which suggested spin to come, as ultimately, to some extent, it did.

Broad and Zaheer took the score to 106 before Broad was caught in the covers driving Patel. But Zaheer was moving smoothly, Bainbridge was sound and at tea, 171 for three, Gloucester's appetites were good. The purpureal Basil, reluctantly departing because he had to take part in Brahms' Requiem, stated confidently that he would be singing in memory of Worcestershire.

It was the first overs after tea that changed things. Patel bowled Bainbridge and then Pridgeon had Zaheer leg-before. With two new batsmen having to play themselves in, time began to become important as well as runs. Just as they were getting going, Shepherd and Hignell were out to Patel — Shepherd leg-before, Hignell caught at mid-wicket from a mistimed heave at a long hop. That was 215 for seven in the third over of the last 20. Graveney, with whom Gloucestershire's hopes now principally rested, was bowled at 229, Brassington smartly caught at short mid-wicket at 233.

Childs had risen from his sick bed to bat. He and Surridge now concentrated sensibly on saving the match; but in the 20th over (though there might just conceivably have been time for another) Childs made an unexpected slash which suggested he was still running a temperature; there was another good catch and Worcestershire had won.

It had been an absorbing day's cricket, played in lovely weather. I was glad I came, though sorry for Graveney. He had taken seven wickets in the Worcestershire innings and was batting well as if to inaugurate his Bristol captaincy with a notably win. It was not to be, but I am sure he has no reason for discouragement.



Pridgeon ... shared the bowling honours

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings: 222 (P A Neale 61, D Surridge 5 for 78)

Second Innings

G M Turner lbw b Surridge	0
D N Patel b Graveney	47
*P A Neale c-b Shepherd	4
Younis Ahmed c-b Graveney	84
E J O Hemsley c Stovold b Graveney	0
† D J Humphries c Sadiq b Graveney	0
J A Ormrod b Graveney	10
N Gifford not out	10
J D Inchmore c Stovold b Graveney	9
A P Pridgeon c Stovold b Graveney	6
S P Perryman c Brassington b Shepherd	0
Extras (b4 lb10)	14
Total	184

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-29, 3-100, 4-100, 5-100, 6-154, 7-157, 8-169, 9-179, 10-184.

BOWLING: Surridge 15-6-33-1; Shepherd 31 3-8-77-2; Bainbridge 7-2-23-0; Graveney 25-12-37-7

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 168 (J D Inchmore 7 for 53)

Second Innings

A W Stovold b Inchmore	7
B C Broad c Neale b Patel	49
Sadiq Mohammad c Gifford b Perryman	18
Zaheer Abbas lbw b Pridgeon	91
P Bainbridge b Patel	14
A J Hignell c Gifford b Patel	23
J N Shepherd lbw b Patel	18
*D A Graveney b Pridgeon	13
† A J Brassington c Patel b Pridgeon	5
J H Childs c Gifford b Pridgeon	1
D Surridge not out	2
Extras (b4 lb5 nb4)	13
Total	237

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-29, 3-106 4-171, 5-171, 6-202, 7-215, 8-229, 9-233, 10-237.

BOWLING: Pridgeon 22 2-6-56-4; Inchmore 17-2-51-1; Perryman 12-3-36-1, Gifford 27-6-62-0; Patel 21-12-19-4

Umpires. M J Kitchen and W E Alley

Indians' run chase goes unrewarded

By Richard Streeton

NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire drew with the Indians.

The Indians dutifully entered into the spirit of things when Nottinghamshire made a late, late declaration, but found a target of 134 in 19 overs too much for them. Earlier, the county had earned a draw with a worthy rear-guard action before what, in several respects, was a slightly unsatisfactory match briefly came to life.

The touring team, who needed to average seven runs an over, had 22 *on the board when* Gavaskar was run out by Randall, at cover off the last ball of the second over. Wickets fell in four successive overs as the Indians hit out, but Kapil Dev was the only batsman who looked likely to win the game for them.

He hit 40 from 29 balls, including two huge sixes against Hemmings, before he was caught at long off. He was fifth out and, with 43 required from five overs, the run chase floundered.

Before the late frolics, the stubborn Nottinghamshire resistance raised a question mark about the penetrative qualities of the Indian attack. The pitch offered less help than earlier for seam bowlers, but the ball did turn and Gavaskar must have wished he had a second spinner on hand. Shastri flighted and spun the ball with good control, but needed support at the other end.

It took Nottinghamshire until nearly lunchtime to clear their deficit and when Scott joined Harris the county were only 76 ahead with three hours left. These two, though, played through 24 overs.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings: 141 (Kapil Dev 5 for 39)

Second Innings

R T Robinson b Madan Lal	52
B Hassan c Vengsarkar b Singh	44
D W Randall c Kirmani b Shastri	51
*J D Birch c Vengsarkar b Shastri	27
M J Harris not out	43
† C W Scott not out	17
Extras (lb8 nb9)	17
Total (4 wkts dec)	251

N Illingworth, E E Hemmings, K Saxelby, K E Cooper and M K Bore did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-135, 3-170, 4-194

BOWLING Kapil Dev 21 4-8-60-0, Randhir Singh 21-3-54-1; Madan Lal 18-3-42-1; Shastri 31-11-69-2, Patil 1-0-2-0, Sharma 2-0-7-0.

INDIANS: First Innings: 259 (P Roy 51, K Saxelby 4 for 47, M K Bore 4 for 52)

Second Innings

* S M Gavaskar run out	10
G Parkar c Bore b Cooper	13
Yashpal Sharma c Scott b Cooper	9
S M Patil b Saxelby	0
Kapil Dev c Hemmings b Cooper	40
D B Vengsarkar not out	18
† S M H Kirmani c Harris b Hemmings	4
Madan Lal not out	2
Extras (lb1)	1
Total (6 wkts)	97

P Roy, R J Shastri and Randhir Singh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-24, 3-32, 4-36, 5-89, 6-95.

BOWLING: Cooper 7-1-38-3; Saxelby 2-0-24-1, Hemmings 7-0-33-1; Bore 2 3-1-3-0

Umpires: H D Bird and A G T Whitehead.

Warwickshire battle valiantly

By Alan Ross

DARTFORD: Kent (7pts) drew with Warwickshire (6).

Set a challenging 343 to win Warwickshire battled valiantly to the end of the innings only to fail by 16 runs with the last pair still in. It was probably the right result.

The pitch was at its plainest, the outfield fast, and the sun, for the third day running, poured from a cloudless sky. All the same, it seemed a tall order and with Amiss dropping anchor at one end, using his ample pads as much as his bat, Warwickshire for a while did not seem too interested. Kallicharran, however, using his feet to drive and pulling ruthlessly, sailed along to a handsome 105 before he was *run out. Despite losing wickets* they kept at it to the very last.

Kent batted on for an hour in the morning, adding 126. Asif already in fine fettle, made 72 of these and Dilley 32. Asif, having just completed the most agreeable of hundreds, declared Kent's innings at 297 for 5.

Lloyd was soon got rid of when Warwickshire began their long haul, but thereafter Kent had to sweat it out and wait an age for their next wicket. Dilley and Jarvis bowled in relay at one end, *Underwood at the other. An* hour's batting brought Amiss 9 runs. Kallicharran, however, was settting about Dilley to the extent of 30 in three overs.

Fourteen of these, including a six over the trees, came from hooks, the remainder from crisply hit drives wide of mid-off and mid-on. He raced to 52 out of 64, but when 59 should certainly have been out, Marsh behind the wicket dropping a skier that might have landed on top of the bails. Amiss woke up to swing a long hop for six and a 100 went up for the partnership, Kallicharran making 73 of them. Woolmer replaced Jarvis and Amiss was immediately caught at the wicket.

With Kallicharran now thrown out from Humpage's call, Warwickshire needed 105 from the last 20 overs. Humpage was in no great hurry, but Oliver, hitting powerfully to leg, made 46 in no time, most of them off Dilley. When Oliver was leg-before to Underwood, Humpage took over, slashing and driving through the covers.

With 10 overs left the target was 51. Asif Din came and went, Humpage was cuaght on the long-on boundary, and Willis quickly bowled. With five overs left Warwickshire needed 25, Kent, belatedly back in the *reckoning, three wickets.*

KENT: First Innings: 300 for 7 dec (N R Taylor 143 not out, Asif Iqbal 55)

Second Innings

R A Woolmer c Humpage b Cumbes	55
N R Taylor lbw b Willis	2
C J Tavaré b Asif Din	66
M R Benson c-b Asif Din	0
*Asif Iqbal not out	115
G R Dilley c Amiss b Cumbes	32
C S Cowdrey not out	17
Extras (b4 lb4 w1 nb1)	10
Total (5 wkts dec)	297

G W Johnson, † S Marsh, D L Underwood and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS. 1-7, 2-96, 3-101, 4-166, 5-236

BOWLING: Willis 5-3-11-1; Small 11-2-38-0; Asif Din 20-2-88-2; Smith 9-2-36-0; Hogg 4-1-21-0; Cumbes 21-4-81-2; Lloyd 5-1-12-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings: 255 (T A Lloyd 87. D L Underwood 5 for 63)

Second Innings

D L Amiss c Marsh b Woolmer	54
T A Lloyd lbw b Dilley	9
A I Kallicharran run out	105
† G W Humpage c Tavaré b Underwood	64
P R Oliver lbw b Underwood	46
Asif Din b Jarvis	5
P A Smith c Johnson b Underwood	10
*R G D Willis b Jarvis	1
G C Small c Woolmer b Underwood	4
J Cumbes not out	0
W Hogg not out	0
Extras (b8 lb16 w1 nb4)	29
Total (9 wkts)	327

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-180, 3-197, 4-286, 5-306, 6-314, 7-318, 8-327, 9-327.

BOWLING: Jarvis 20-4-80-2; Dilley 17-4-81-1; Cowdrey 1-0-5-0; Underwood 35-8-104-4; Woolmer 11-3-28-1.

Umpires: C T Spencer and P B Wight.

TODAY'S CRICKET

11.0 to 7 30 unless stated

TOUR MATCH
BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Indians (11.30 to 6.30)

BENSON AND HEDGES CUP
DERBY: Derbyshire v Minor Counties
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Kent
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Sussex
LORD'S: Middlesex v Somerset
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Warwickshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Leicestershire
GLASGOW: (Titwood): Scotland v Northamptonshire
OXFORD: Combined Universities v Gloucestershire

Tomorrow
2.0 to 6.40

JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE
DERBY: Derbyshire v Essex
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Middlesex
CANTERBURY: Kent v Glamorgan
MANCHESTER: Lancashire v Gloucestershire
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Yorkshire
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire
HOVE: Sussex v Somerset
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Surrey

Oxford U v Hants

AT OXFORD

Hampshire beat Oxford University by an innings and 62 runs

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings: 370 for 4 dec (M C J Nicholas 206 not out, C L Smith 71)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings: 169 (J G Varey 68, S J Malone 7 for 55)

Second Innings

* R G P Ellis c Southern b Malone	15
G J Toogood c Parks b Malone	16
R S Cowan c Stevenson b Southern	10
K A Hayes b Malone	13
R P Moulding c-b Malone	13
† R S Luddington lbw b Tremlett	32
S J Halliday c Parks b Tremlett	15
J Varey c Smith b Tremlett	5
S P Ridge b Malone	4
A J Gilfillan c-b Southern	7
M E Lawrence not out	0
Extras (b3 lb4 w1 nb1)	9
Total	139

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-38, 3-58, 4-58, 5-75, 6-120, 7-125, 8-130, 9-139, 10-139.

BOWLING: Malone 24-10-55-5; Stevenson 8-4-21-0; Tremlett 21-13-10-2; Southern 18-8-37-2; Cowley 6-4-7-0.

Umpires: K E Palmer and R Palmer.

Students lay low the red rose

The Cambridge University captain, Pringle, celebrated his MCC selection with a fine all-round performance as the university gained their first win over a *county since 1971 at Fenners.* Pringle took six second innings Lancashire wickets for 33 and then hit an unbeaten 61 as the university won by seven wickets.

Lancashire collapsed to 128 all out against Pringle, who had a match return of nine for 87, leaving the students 159 to win. After a cautious start they were 72 for three at tea but then Pringle and the left-handed Henderson (46) knocked off the remaining runs in 51 minutes.

Davison's brilliant century pushed Leicestershire to a thrilling five-wicket victory over Surrey at Grace Road. They were set 288 to win in less than three hours after Surrey declared on 260 for five. Davison fell for 111, an innings that took just 94 balls and included 15 fours and two sixes.

An impressively fluent unbeaten half-century from the New Zealand Test opener, Wright, steered Derbyshire to a comfortable nine-wicket victory over Somerset at Derby. Somerset's last three second-innings wickets added only 23 runs to set Derbyshire 106 to win and they reached their target 20 minutes after lunch.

Steele showed how valuable he will be to Northamptonshire on his return from Derbyshire with a dogged 66 which held up Middlesex for nearly three and a half hours at Lord's. It was his second 50 of a match always going the way of the home team. They took the maximum 24 points for a win by nine wickets,

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 6, Oakland Athletics 4; Baltimore Orioles 3, Seattle Mariners 1; Kansas City Royals 11, Boston Red Sox 2; Detroit Tigers 6, Minnesota Twins 2; Texas Rangers 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3; Chicago White Sox 13, Milwaukee Brewers 2; California Angels 3, Cleveland Indians 2 (12 innings).
NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; Montreal Expos 6, San Diego Padres 5 (11 innings); Chicago Cubs 5, Houston Astros 0; St Louis Cardinals 10, Atlanta Braves 9; Philadelphia Phillies 8, San Francisco Giants 1; Cincinnati Reds 2, Pittsburgh 1.

CYCLING

VIAREGGIO: Tour of Italy, first road stages (108 miles): 1, G. Saronni, 4hr 12min 56sec; 2, P Rosola; 3, R Dill-Bundi (Swi), both same time. Overall: 1, P. Bonnet (France), 4:32.4; 2, M Madiot (France); 3, B Hinault (France), both same time.

JUDO

ROSTOCK: European championships: Welterweight: Preliminary round, group A: N Adams (GB) beat S Nagysolymosi (Hun) ippon. First round, group A: Adams beat M Nowak (Fra) koka. Second round, group A: C Habareli (USSR) beat S Mylyla (Fin) koka. Middle: First round; group B: W Ward (GB) beat A Jeppsson (Swe) waza ari. Second round, group B: A Garcia (Spa) beat Ward, yuko. Finals, group A: M Vecchi (Ita) beat B Tchoulouyan (Fra) koka. Group B: A Iatskevich (USSR) beat A Garcia (Spa) ippon.

FOOTBALL

SANTIAGO: Tour match: Chile 4, RWD Molenbeek (Belgium) 2.
VRSAC: B international: Yugoslavia 2, Romania 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup: New York Islanders 3, Vancouver Canucks 0 (New York lead best-of-seven series 3-1).

Racing from Newcastle

6.30: 1, Navarino Bay (4-1); 2, Al Walshi (4-2 fav); 3, Pageantry (7-2). 6 ran. NR: Annan Magic.
6.55: 1, My Monro (25-1); 2, Cough (6-4 fav); 3, Palos Heights (9-1). 9 ran.
7.20: 1, Willie Can (8-11 fav); 2, Welsh Noble (5-2); 3, Bettabet Geraghty (4-1). 4 ran.
7.50: 1, Spanish Point (6-4 fav); 2, Hawks Nest (4-1); 3, Biddable (14-1). 10 ran.

TENNIS

Connors retires with ankle injury

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Hamburg, May 14

Ten days before the French championships and little more than five weeks before Wimbledon, Jimmy Connors had to retire from the German championships when he twisted his left ankle while playing Andres Gomez in the quarter-final ound here today. The doctor estimates *it will be* a fortnight before Cannors can play again.

This may force Connors to scratch from Paris and could disrupt hei preparations for Wimbledon, particularly as it seems possible that a tendon alongside Connors's instep may have been damaged. Five leading players have not entered for Wimbledon but the odds against Connors regaining the tile he won in 1974 must now be longer than thry were 24 hours ago.

Gomez, aged 22, is a left-hander from Ecuador where he achieved renown as a surfer. He is 6 feet 5 inches tall, weighs 13st 8lbs and took Connors to a tie-break in the fifth set during last year's United States championships. Today he broke Connors's service in the first game and in the second Connors had to run wide on the forehand and, in making his return turned his ankle and stumbled into the court-side barrier.

At the changeover the trainer was on hand with some tape and Connors strapped the ankle and tried to carry on. But it was clear that he could no longer move freely and that the match had lost its validity. At 0-5 down Connors shook his and retired, muttering: "What a time to do this".

The reigning champion, Peter McNamara, took two hours and 32 minutes to beat Christopher Mottram 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. This was partly because Mottram is in good form these days and played with *the* shrewd and sound restraint that is typical of his game and partly because McNamara, his strength and spirits reduced by a stomach disorder, was unusually erratic. In short, this was a tenacious performnce by both men.

It would be easy to criticize Mottram because he won the first set, was twice a break up in the third — yet lost the match. But McNamara's role was always the more positive and, one way of *another*, influential. Even at his worst he hit freely and kept "going for 'em" in the best Australian tradition. At his best he has the power and flexibility to play outright winners or at least make Mottram work hard.

Gene Mayer, the most artfully unorthodox player to enchant us since Beppe Merlo 25 years ago, just managed to resist an admirably sustained challenge from Tomas Smid. Joise Higueras played one of his finest matches since 1978, when be was champion *here. to make Mats* Wilander look in a lower class. All that added up to an absorbing programme in the heat of a lovely day. So the last four will be Gomez v McNamara and Mayer v Higueras.

QUARTER-FINALS: G Mayer (US) beat Smid (Cze), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Higueras (Spa), beat M Wilander (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; A Gomez (Ecu) beat J Connors (US) 5-0 (Connors retired through injury) P McNamara (Australia) beat C Mottram (GB), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

LEE-ON-SOLENT: LTA tournament, semi-finals, Men: B Drew (SA) beat C Fancutt (Australia), 6-3, 7-5; D Farr (SA) beat C Miller (Australia), 6-2, 6-4. Women: S Walpole beat E Lightbody, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3; A Croft beat E Jones, 6-4, 6-2.

GOLF

Lyle's lead stands the test of time

By Lewine Mair

Sandy Lyle, off the course in time for lunch after his second round 69 in the Martini international *tournament at Lindrick*, said he would be surprised if his 137 aggregate—five under par—were still to lead at the end of the day.

Mark James, three matches behind, was four under par for the tournament with three holes to play; such as Nick Faldo and Tony Jacklin seemed to be setting out just as the wind was dropping. As it was, not of these more obvious candidates came through. Lyle stayed ahead and José Maria Cañizares is second on the leaderboard thanks to two birdies over the last three holes.

Six under par leading the 16th green, Lyle knocked his tee shot into the edge of matted rough at the 17th and duly dropped a shot. His round was punctuated by several drives hit too high and pushed a little right, but what worried him much more was the number of shots he had failed to hit close to the hole with his wedge and sand iron.

Lyle's tally of putts for yesterday was 33. Interestingly, his wife Christine has worked it out that, whereas four of five months ago he was averaging 33 putts a round, that figure is now down to 30.

At the end of his 67 Canizares was still talking ruefully of taking three putts four times in his opening 71. Yesterday he concentrated on a smoother stroke and fared much better. He missed one fairway in the course of his round and was hitting the ball every bit as squarely as he did in pulling up one shot behind Severiano Ballesteros in Madrid.

The 486-yard 16th was the scene of countless birdies and three eagles yesterday. Yet it was here that James and Jacklin both had sixes to ruin potentially good scores.

For Faldo the 16th was one of three holes where he had incurred a penalty shot. At both the ninth and 10th hooked tee shots were to blame; at the 16th the damage was done with a slice. Faldo holed across the last green for a two but his 74 saw him slip from third at the end of the first round to joint 17th.

LEADING SCORES: 137: S Lyle, 68, 69. 138: J Cañizares (Spa), 71, 67; 140: M James, 67, 73; N Coles, 71, 69. 141: K Brown, 70, 71; T Britz (SA), 71, 70. 142: M McLean, 73, 69; A Garrido (Spa), 72, 70; J Morgan, 73, 69; C Defoy, 69, 73; M King, 72, 70; E Darcy, 73, 69; B Gallacher, 71, 71; P Hoad, 72, 70; D Smyth, 72, 70. 143: A Gallardo (Spa), 72, 71; N Faldo, 69, 74. 144: M O'Grady (US), 71, 73; J Bland (SA), 75, 69; G Brand jnr, 72, 72; E Murray, 73, 71; G Brand snr, 72, 72; A Jacklin, 70, 74; M Calero (Spa), 72, 72; M Ballesteros (Spa), 71, 73. 145: J O'Leary, 73, 72; M Panero (Spa), 75, 70; J Heggarty, 72, 73; I Woosnam, 71, 74; N Job, 74, 71; B Langer (WG), 73, 72; P Teravainen (US), 73, 72, S Torrance, 75, 70; I Mosey, 74, 71; A O'Connor, 73, 72; G Manson, 74, 71; J Rassett (US), 72, 73; M Bembridge, 70, 75; H Baiocchi, 74, 71. 146: G Norman (Australia), 73, 73, T Horton, 70, 76; T Powell, 72, 74; J Hawkes (SA), 71, 75; D Barton, 73, 73; B Barnes, 73, 73; G Meline (Fra), 74, 72; D Durnian, 74, 72.

WORTHING: WPGA Open, leading final totals: 217: R Jones (US) 73, 73, 71. 223: M Walker 76, 72, 75. 227: C Panton 77, 78, 72. 228: C Langford 78, 73, 77. 229: S Moon 77, 76, 76; S Crowcroft 80, 73, 76. 230: J Smurthwaite 80, 80, 70. 231: J Cole (US) 73, 82, 76. 232: M Thomson 79, 79, 74; B Helbig (WG) 79, 75, 78. 233: K Muddiger (Can) 84, 79, 70; A Middleton 80, 80, 73; L West (US) 82, 78, 73; Joan Smith 79, 76, 78; L Baxter (US) 80, 72, 81.

FORT WORTH: National Invitation tournament: 65: V Heafner. 66: J Nicklaus, L Clements. 68: A Palmer, T. Kite, L Nelson, W Blackburn, J Booros, B Jaeckel, D Eichelberger, A North, G Archer, J Inman, B Bryant. 69: Oosterhuis.

TOKYO: Women's tournament: 70: S Yoshimochi. 71: P Nilsson (Sweden), A Okamoto, Y Moriguchi, A Hikage, T Ikebuchi.

Paxton overtakes the unexpected pace-setters

By John Hennessy, *Golf Correspondent*

As is the way with golf tournaments, two unexpected names came to the forefront on the first day of the English amateur stroke-play championship for the Brabazon Trophy at Woburn yesterday. They were David James, who struggled to force his way into the Suffolk county second team and Gary Broadbent, whose claim to fame is that he is the son of a former England footballer.

Both had rounds of 72, par for the 6,861 yards Duke's course, to lead by one stroke from a group of players including the 1976 winner, Peter Hedges.

But they were all overtaken at the close of the day by Jonathan Plaxton, a former boy international, who came in with a 71.

It was a blissfully sunny day for spectators, but a fickle wind played bewildering tricks among the abundance of trees and the scores spared accordingly. The three current Walker Cup players in the field suffered as badly as most others, Peter McEvoy was in reasonable shape, three over with five to play; but he dropped a shot at each of the closing holes. According to his own evidence his driving was wayward, his irons terrible, his short game non-existent and his putting embarassingly bad. Otherwise ... but he took his medicine like a man.

Broadbent bravely shrugged off a disaster at the short sixth (207 yards) where he lost three strokes to par. His four iron finished in the trees and his recovery shot went through the green. From there he chipped to ten feet from the hole and needed three putts. Another short hole, the 193 yards twelfth, stole another stroke, from yet another tee-shot into the trees, but from time to time Broadbent siezed a birdie to hold his own with the card.

With the wind behind him and a downhill run he nearly drove the 385 yards second, was well on the 464 yard seventh with a two-iron and holed from ten feet, reached the 502 yard eleventh in two and chipped dead at the fourteenth. It is to golf's advantage that his father's disillusionment with football rubbed-off on his son, who once had a trial with Wolverhampton Wanderers and contemplated a career in that game.

James was impressively con*sistent, departing from par only* three times. He was in bunkers at the fourth and thirteenth and made handsome amends with an eagle three at the 488-yards fifth, where he put a superb four-iron *to* six feet and holed the putt.

LEADING SCORES: 71: Jonathan Paxton. 72: D James, G Broadbent. 73: P J Hedges, C Laurence, S Keppler, A Currie; 74: J Hawksworth, C Halleson, 75: I Young, R Davenport, A Sherborne, K McIntosh, M Kelley; 76: A Hill, R Clark, M S Thompson; 77: D P Webb, N Terry, A P Parkhill, I Hull, A Roach, R M Short, J Bedford, P Downes, 78: J Parr, M G Wharton-Balmer, N R Krause; S P Tanaka (Japan), J G Jermine, P Deeble, D G Mustcroft, I Hewson, D Gaiford, M C Hassall, R D A Smith, D Ray R W Guy, A L Parsons.

EQUESTRIANISM

Salvoes for a show hack

The function of the show hack, as opposed to that of the Park or Covert hack, has always been imprecise, and to judge by what we saw at *the Royal Windsor Horse Show* yesterday the type might now be said to have sunk without trace, Pamela Macgregor-Morris writes. It deserves to be decently interred after a few respectful salvoes have been fired.

The type was probably lost when Miss de Beaumont bred that vast dynasty of Anglo arabs from the 1939 champion, June, and her daughter's Honeysuckle and Ladybird in the 1950s. Certainly the cross-bred Arab is responsible for the upright shoulders of the majority of modern hacks, and only recourse to the thoroughbred will restore the swanlike front and the flowing, floating movement that added an ethereal dimension to the top hacks.

This said, the over 15 hands class was chiefly notable for the fact that the first three - Jimmy Rogers with Black Gold, Sue Rolfe with Sunny Wonder and Carole Gilbert Scott with Chancely Voodoo were all former denizens of Robert Oliver's yard. The under 15 hands category were led by Allister Hood on the *pony-bred Nathaniel by Bwlch* Zephyr. The front runner in the novice class, Miss Profumo's five-year-old Lucky Chance, ridden by Jennie Loriston Clarke, had to be retired as he was not quite sound.

Elizabeth Edgar and Everest Forever won the Modern Alarms Women's National Championship in an eight-horse final by 1.1sec from Marion Mould on Lancome Lady. Emma-Jane Brown finished third with the only other *clear round, 0.2 seconds slower* on Reco. Lesley McNaught on One more Time, the defending champions, finished seventh.

MODERN ALARMS EVENT STAKES: Fault and out: 1, Miss C Bradley, Fieldmaster 24pts, 58.0sec; 2, E McCrae, Mr Ross V 24, 58.7; 3, M Whitaker, St Vincents Lad 24, 59.2.

MODERN ALARMS, WOMEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: 1, Mrs E Edgar, Everest Forever clear, 41.4; 2, Mrs M Mould, clear, 42.5; 3, Miss E-J Brown, Reco clear, 42.7.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING GRAND PRIX (dressage and presentation): 1, Prince Philip (31 pen); 2, E Jung (WG) 33; P Munt (GB) 39; 4, G Bowman (GB) 42.

SNOOKER

Reardon in sprint to the final

By Sydney Friskin

Ray Reardon, who at one time seemed to have been involved in a six-day bicycle race, suddenly produced the sprint that took him into the final of the world professional championship, sponsored by Embassy, at the Crucible theatre in Sheffield yesterday. He won five frames in a row to defeat his old rival, *Eddie Charlton of Australia,* 16-11 in the 31-frame semi-final.

The match was resumed at 11-11, the same position having been reached in the other semi-final between Alex Higgins and Jimmy White. All through the tournament Reardon had been chasing a century break, having twice before come near it. Yesterday, in the fourth frame, the 26th of the match, he achieved it and lost it, the cue ball having dropped into a pocket after he had potted the green. So the break stayed at 98 instead of 101 and the four points credited to Charlton were all he had in that frame.

It had been a frustrating afternoon for Charlton, who just could not get going. He lost the first frame of the day decisively, Reardon having made a clearance break of 38. Two foul shots in the next frame cost Charlton eight points and left the gates open for Reardon to go through."

There was some hope for Charlton in the third frame of the day when he had cut Reardon's lead to 58-36. The difference was 22 and 25 points were on the table, but to Charlton's misfortune he left the green at the bottom of the table in a good position for Reardon who took the remaining colours up to the pink.

Charlton had no chance in the fourth frame and Reardon overhauled him in the next after he had made a good start, to achieve his seventh entry into the *final*. He had won the title six times before. The old master *had* struck again.

Higgins was at practice early in the morning for the resumption of his match against White. The practice, at first, did not seem to have done him much good, for White won the first frame of the morning to increase his overnight lead to 9-7.

After a break of 31 White was within reach of a 10-7 lead, but this reach, unfortunately, exceeded his grasp when he stretched himself along the side of the table to take the pink and fouled a red with his clothing.

SEMI-FINAL: R Reardon (Wales) beat E Charlton (Australia) 16—11. Frame scores (Reardon first): 29—80, 43—80, 45—70, 65—52, 7—35, 95—29, 99—23, 23—103, 96—7, 1—100, 33—68, 2—80, 71—49, 71—50, 65—54, 8—72, 103—4, 77—0, 43—62, 44—57, 94—17, 66—72, 83—21, 97—8, 76—36, 112—4, 72—44. J White (England) level at 11—11 with A Higgins (N Ireland). Frame scores (White first): 20—82, 31—66, 108—11, 8—69, 54—80, 20—62, 94—24, 78—45, 66—28, 80—53, 42—8, 60—50, 1—84, 48—60, 64—25, 43—38, 59—47, 96—61, 1—60, 66—29, 60—3, 69—30.

IN BRIEF

Badminton

England's badminton team have time to celebrate the most important success in their history — the 5-4 victory at Gloucester against the former holders, Malaysia, that takes them to the semi-finals of the Thomas Cup for the first time. *Tomorrow* and Monday there is the opportunity of an even more important achievement against the current holders, Indonesia, at Aston Villa, Birmingham.

To have a chance of success means erasing any euphoria left after four-and-a-half hours of fluctuating play on Thursday night. That ended with the national doubles champions, Martin Dew and Duncan Bridge, beating Misburn Sidek and Ong Beng Teong.

The opening singles, however, were the really high spots. First, Ray Stevens, the former national champion, battled for an hour and 32 minutes with Razif Sidek, the Malaysian No 3, beore losing 15-9, 11-15, 16-18.

The situation was rescued by Stevens's successor as national champion, 20-year-old Stephen Baddeley, who beat the Malaysian No 1, Misburn Sidek. Bakkeley had to warm up four or five times during Stevens's long *match* and admitted to getting a little worked up. "but somehow that made me feel a bit possessed when I got out there," he said. In 24 minutes he demolished one of rthe world's leading players 15-7, 15-0 with the power of his smashing.

Athletics

Sebastian Coe's athletic season, which includes the European Championships in Athens, the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane and possibly three races against Steve Ovett, begins modestly with the Yorkshire championships at Cudworth, Norman Fox writes. He hopes to run the 1,500 metres in something under 3min 40sec. If all of the entries arrive, he may have to run a heat as well.

Official figures released by the organizers of the London Marathon show that 15,583 finished the 26 miles 385 yards. The number of starters, 16,350, was a world record. There were 195 runners within 2 hours 30 minutes, including one woman, Joyce Smith, who was 188th. The police estimated the 750,000 watched the race. The official complete resultss will not be available until next week when *The Times* will publish the first 100.

Gymnastics

After the completion of the compulsory exercises last night the British womens' gymnastic championship entered its second and final round today at Huddersfield Sports Centre with the 32 contestants executing their voluntary exercises on vault, asymetric bars, beam and floor, Peter Aykroyd writes.

With a new champion to be found, interest will focus on the performance of Kathleen Williams, aged 18, who is a seasoned international and a member of the local club. Miss Williams has shown excellent form in two recent international tournaments and her confident free bars and floor routines may consolidate her attack on the title.

Pinter defends title

Los Angeles, May 14 - Lupe Pintor, of Mexico, will defend his World Boxing Council bantamweight title for the eighth time against Seung Hoon Lee, of South Korea, June 3.- *Agence France - Presse.*



RACING: STRONG ENGLISH CHALLENGE FOR IRISH 2000 GUINEAS

Motovato for star role in Cauthen's late, late show

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Steve Cauthen's riding overall, not just his extremely polished display at York earlier this week, has undoubtedly been one of the features of this season so far. Now at Newbury today the young American faces one of his most searching tests to date on Motavato in the Tote Lockinge Stakes.

This big four-year-old colt by Apalachee is now so strong that he is anything but an armchair ride as John Reid found out to his cost at Leicester last month when he and Motavato were caught and beaten by Noalto in the closing stages of the race for the Phillip Cornes Trophy. On that occasion Motavato pulled so hard early on that Reid evetually decided to let him have his head. As a result he struck the front at halfway which was much too soon.

Today, Cauthen, who knows Motavato better than anyone, will be told to "bury him at all costs at the start" to use Barry Hills's own words and not let him see daylight until the last furlong. Hills believes that, ridden that way Motavato will be very hard to beat and last year's form book certainly supports that view. For that was how Cauthen handled him when he won the Free Handicap over seven furlongs at Newmarket last April and again when he won the Petition Stakes there over a mile in the autumn. Luck has already favoured Motavato in that he has been drawn highest of all, next to the rails.

In going for Motavato I am conscious of flying in the face of the form book because he is opposed again by Noalto who beat him a length at Leicester. However I am still inclined to give Motavato another chance in the hope that things will go better for him this time. Furthermore the Leicester race was Motavato's first of the season whereas it was Noalto's second and he can be expected to have improved.

Henry Cecil has won this particular race for the past two years initially with Kris and then again with Belmont Bay. Now he is relying on Prince Echo who was trained in Ireland as a two and three-year-old. Prince echo finished third in the Irish 2,000 Guineas a year ago but thereafter his form tapered off. Now it will be interesting to see what effect the master of Warren Place's wizardry has on him.

The presence in the line up of a horse trained in France is an additional point of interest. I refer to The Wonder who won the Prix Edmond Blanc at St-Cloud in March and the Prix d'Ispahan at Longchamp last July. However The Wonder ran badly in his last race and having done so well on soft ground in the past there must be a question mark over how he will go now on ground as firm as it is at present.

With Lester Piggot riding Cajun in Ireland Joe Mercer has come in for the ride on Prince Echo and also on Critique in the Aston Park Stakes. Critique ran an excellent race here in April when he was third to Glint of Gold and Amyndas in the John Porter Stakes, but a correspondingly disappointing race afterwards in the Ormonde Stakes at Chester where he ran in snatches. However, even if he is at his best it is difficult to envisage him giving 7lb to Prince Bee.

At Newbury yesterday the Animal Health Trust benefitted to the tune of £115,000, thanks to an auction before racing of various objets d'art and other fund raising activities during the afternoon. The programme began with a special match between Willie Carson and the young American jockey, Cash Asmussen, which the former English champion won snugly on Turn Back The Time. Although Asmussen failed to emulate his compatriot, Steve Cauthen, who made a successful English debut three years ago, he came over every bit as well as Cauthen during a grilling at the post-race press conference.

Later in the day, Zinzara entered the Oaks picture at 10-1 by winning the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes very comfortably indeed. But in winning, she also paid Slightly Dangerous a rich compliment because it was Slightly Dangerous who beat her so compprehensively when they met on the same course a month ago.

Finally, while still on the classic front, Jeremy Tree said yesterday that he would decide whether to run the one-time Derby second favourite, Peacetime, in next Wednesday's Predominate Stakes at Goodwood after he had watched him gallop at Beckhampton this morning.

Wind and Wuthering to reach new heights

From Our Correspondent, Dublin, May 14

Wind and Wuthering and Tender King, who finished second and third to the French challenger Zino in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, lead a strong English challenge on the Airlie/Coolmore Irish 2,000 Guineas at the Curragh this afternoon in a race that will be televised by both the BBC and ITV.

Wind and Wuthering had started the year on a disappointing note, trailing in a moderate fourth to Cajun in the Clerical Medical Greenham Stakes at Newbury. However, his trainer, Henry Candy, refused to accept the idea that the colt had failed to train on and he accurately prophesised a much more spectacular effort at Newmarket where he reversed the placings with the Newbury runner-up Tender King.

Cajun had his supporters in the ante-post market on the 2,000 Guineas after his Newbury victory but a pricked hoof obliged Henry Cecil to withdraw him late on. The set-back was of slight consequence and after Cajun had worked well at Newmarket last week he was confirmed a definite Curragh rider with Lester Piggott in the saddle.

Taking a line through Tender King he should not, however, now beat Wind and Wuthering who closed his two-year-old campaign with a seven lengths success in the William Hill Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket.

One of the big disappointments in the Dewhurst was the Irish runner, Raconteur, who finished eighth of the nine starters.

Raconteur is one of three Guineas representatives from Vincent O'Brien and although the trio includes Achieved, who was sixth to Zino in the 2,000 Guineas, Pat Eddery has preferred to ride Raconteur. If this highly strung individual has learnt how to conserve his energy he would certainly provide stout opposition for the English runner. Vincent O'Brien's son, David, saddles Anfield as his first Irish Guineas runner, although this colt disappointed first time out this year he had some respectable two-year-old form.

This should be the most entertaining opening to the Irish classic season for 1982. The dice is loaded in favour of the English team, with Wind And Wuthering my first choice.



Lester Piggott, who rides Cajun for Henry Cecil's in-form stable in today's Irish 2000 Guineas

3.55 AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS (3-y-o: £76,382: 1m)

1 111-210 ACHIEVED (R E Sangster) M V O'Brien 9-0 ....G McGrath 3
2 14-3 ANFIELD (R E Sangster) D V O'Brien 9-0 ....C Roche 7
3 22-130 BARBENDER (C F Cronin) A J Maxwell 9-0 ....R Carroll 2
4 02321-1 CAJUN (J H Stone) H Cecil 9-0 ....L Piggott 9
5 14- CHIVALRY (R E Sangster) M V O'Brien 9-0 ....V Rossiter 10
6 0130-10 DARA MONARCH (Mrs L Browne) L Browne 9-0 ....M Kinane 6
7 1110-10 FULL EXTENT (M Korn) S Norton 9-0 ....J Lowe 14
8 2020-00 GOUVERNO (W Zeitelhack) F Durr 9-0 ....M Nikiu 1
9 MALSPIN (C C Edwards) Mrs B McKeever 9-0 ....F Skelly 12
10 430-0 PHILIP MARTIN (J Michael) L Browne 9-0 ....S Craine 8
11 210-1 RACONTEUR (R E Sangster) M V O'Brien 9-0 ....P Eddery 11
12 0334-40 RED SUNSET (B) (P H Burns) L Browne 9-0 ....G Curran
13 443-023 TENDER KING (Essal Commodities Ltd) J Sutcliffe 9-0 ....E Hide 4
14 4211-42 WIND AND WUTHERING (R M Cyzer) H Candy 9-0 ....P Waldron 13

7-4 Wind and Wuthering, 3-1 Cajun, 4-1 Tender King, 7-1 Raconteur, 12-1 Anfield, Achieved, 14-1 Full Extent, 25-1 others.

FORM: Achieved: see Wind and Wuthering. Previously (9-3) comfortably, won 1l from Exhilarate (rec 7lb) with Barbinder (rec 7lb) a neck away 3rd, and Red Sunset (level) 4l 4th 7 ran, Curragh, April 17, 7f good to soft. Cajun (9-0) always prominent, shaken up, ran on well, won ½l from Tender King (level), with Wind and Wuthering (level) 5l away 4th. 5 ran, Newbury, April 17, 7f good to firm. Dara Monarch and Full Extent, see Wind and Wuthering. Raconteur (9-5) ran on well, won 3l from Lords (level) 17 ran, Curragh, April 17, 1¼m good to soft. Tender King: see Wind and Wuthering. Wind and Wuthering (9-0) made running, ridden and just caught, 2nd, beaten head, to Zino (level), with Tender King (level) 2l away third. Achieved (level) a further 5½l away 6th, Dara Monarch (level) 1½l away 8th and Full Extent (level) 20th. 26 ran, Newmarket, 1m, May 1, good.

Why XYZ looks as easy as ABC

By Michael Seely

This afternoon's XYZ Handicap at Newcastle looks as simple as ABC. One bold judge said recently that Chalon was the handicap certainty of the century before Henry Cecil's filly bolted home in the Ward Hill Handicap at Newmarket. No one could possibly have quarrelled with his assessment. And now it appears that manna has appeared from heaven for the second time in 1982 when Crossways takes the field in today's feature race at Gosforth Park.

Crossways is trained by that wily veteran, Harry Wragg. His son, Geoffrey, has been walking around York with a quiet air of confidence this week about his impending visit to the north. And a glance at future handicaps explains his happy mood.

Crossways is sired by Habitat, and is out of that useful but slightly temperamental mare, Silky. The colt is therefore a half brother to Kirtling and Abington.

As a two-year-old Crossways ran only three times, finishing unplaced in useful company. The weights for the XYZ were compiled on April 14.

As if by magic Crossways made his first appearance on the 15th and finished a respectable third to Ivano and Electric. Ivano went on to win the Dee Stakes at Chester, and if he runs well in Goodwood's Predominate Stakes next Wednesday, the colt might join his stable companion, Simply Great, in the line-up for the Derby.

However, better things were still to come. On his next appearance Crossways finished second to Electric in the White Rose Stakes at Ascot with Palace Gold third. Not only did Electric boost this form when third to Jalmood in Lingfield's Derby Trial, but so too did Palace Gold when chasing home Simply Great in the Mecca-Dante Stakes at York.

Sharp Singer in tune

The Prix Lupin (10½f) at Longchamp on Sunday is the final recognised French trial for the Epsom Derby and the local equivalent, the Prix du Jockey-Club, Desmond Stoneham writes. Most of the leading contenders in this year's contest are in the English classic, and the finishing order I envisage is Sharp Singer to win from Persepolis, Garibaldi, Welsh Term and Tampero.

Trained by Olivier Douieb and to be ridden by Alain Lequeux, Sharp Singer was exceptionally backward when taking the Prix de Guiche from What A Guest who franked the form emphatically by taking yesterday's Prix de la Jonchere at Longchamp. Persepolis, the mount of Lester Piggott, was no less impressive when taking the Prix Noailles from Beau Pretender, but this line has not stood the test of time. If there is a dark horse in the F500,000 race it must be the Maurice Zilber-trained Garibaldi.

An interesting each-way bet in tomorrow's Prix Cleopatre at Saint-Cloud could be Unknown Lady. She should book a ticket to Epsom for the Oaks

Newbury

Tote Double: 3.00 and 4.00. Treble 2.30, 3.30 and 4.30
[Television (BBC1) 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30]

2.0 NEWBURY TOTE SPRING FESTIVAL STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £2,595: 5f) (9 runners)

101 1 ANNIE EDGE (D) (Mrs A Daniel) D H Jones 9-0 ....S Cauthen 2
102 1 CRIME OF PASSION (D) (C Wright) D Laing 9-0 ....W Newnes 6
104 AXKERNISH (E Ryan) J Tree 8-8 ....S Raymont 9
106 BUMPKIN (Mrs R Chaplin) I Balding 8-8 ....S Raymond 5
107 CEDAR PRINCESS (B Whigham) R Hannon 8-8 ....B Raymond 5
108 2 DANCE IN MAY (W Ponsonby) P Cole 8-8 ....R Wernham 3
110 METUCHEN (Mrs G Steinberg) D Elsworth 8-8 ....W Carson 7
112 PADDYS BELLE (Mrs P Tucker) D Tucker 8-8 ....B Rouse 4
113 PAMYA (Sheikh Mohammed) J Dunlop 8-8 ....A McGlone 5 8 / N Dawe 7 1

11-8 Annie Edge, 100-30 Dance In May, 5 Crime Of Passion, 7 Bumpkin, 8 Pamya, 10 Axkernish, 14 others.

2.30 ASTON PARK STAKES (£4,510: 1m 5f 60yds) (6)

201 1110-32 CRITIQUE (USA) (G Vanian) H Cecil 4-9-0 ....J Mercer 1
202 21-1001 TELSMOSS (CD) (C Papaioannou) P Mitchell 6-9-0 ....B Rouse 4
205 102224 EASTER SUN (Lady Beaverbrook) M Jarvis 5-8-7 ....B Raymond 2
206 314210- GLASGOW CENTRAL (W Morgan) M Scudamore 5-8-7 ....T Rogers 6
207 201104- PRINCE BEE (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 5-8-7 ....W Carson 3
208 5230-00 RUN HARD (H Joel) R Turnell 7-8-7 ....S Cauthen 5

Evens Prince Bee, 6-4 Critique, 10 Easter Sun, 12 Telsmoss, 33 Run Hard, 50 Glasgow Central.

FORM: Critique (9-0) fav, well behind early, ran on straight, 2nd, btn 4l, to Six Mile Bottom (rec 4lb). 6 ran. Chester, May 6, 1m 5f, good. Telsmoss (10-0) always prominent, led 2f out, kept on, won 1½l, 10l from Sympatique (rec 24lb) and Habus (rec 15lb). 8 ran. Lingfield, May 7, 1m 4f, good to firm. Easter Sun (8-13) good late progress, 4th, btn over 4l, to Braughing (rec 9lb) in the Cambridgeshire. 28 ran. Newmarket, Oct 3, 1m 1f, good. Glasgow Central (8-11) not in first 9 to Lafontaine (rec 4lb). 20 ran. Doncaster, Nov 7, 1m 4f, good. Prince Bee (9-3) well there 2f out, one pace, 4th, btn 6½l, to Vayrann (rec 7lb), with Critique (rec 7lb) some late headway, 2f away 7th. 16 ran. Newmarket, Oct 17, 1m 2f, good. Run Hard (9-9) no extra last 3f, 6th, btn over 4l, to More Harmony (rec 3lb). 11 ran. Kempton, May 1, 1m 4f, good to firm.
SELECTION Prince Bee.

3.0 TOTE LOCKINGE STAKES (Group 3; £23,470: 1m) (7)

301 2002-02 CUT THROAT (C) (Capt M Clark) H Candy 4-9-0 ....W Newnes 4
303 003-414 MILK OF THE BARLEY (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 5-9-0 ....T Ives 3
304 10313-2 MOTAVATO (D) (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-0 ....S Cauthen 7
305 3240-41 NOALTO (D) (Sheik Mohammed) F Durr 4-9-0 ....W Carson 5
308 044000- PRINCE ECHO (Mrs B Curley) H Cecil 4-9-0 ....J Mercer 6
308 1030-14 THE WONDER (D) (Marquesa de Moratalla) J de Chevigny (Fr) 4-9-7 ....A Lequeux 2
310 3322-32 BELDALE LUSTRE (B) (E Kelly) M Jarvis 3-7-12 ....B Rouse 1

5-2 The Wonder, 3 Noalto, 7-2 Motavato, 5 Prince Echo, 12 Milk Of The Barley, 14 Cut Throat, 25 Beldale Lustre.

FORM: Cut Throat (8-10) good progress last 2f, never reach leader, 2nd, btn 1l, to Mummys Game (rec 14lb). 5 ran. Haydock, May 1, 7f, firm. Milk of The Barley (9-12) no extra under pressure, 4th, btn 5½l, to Lightning Label (level). 6 ran. Newmarket, April 14, 6f, good to firm. Motavato, see Noalto, and previously (9-2) some late headway, 3rd, btn 3l, to Moorstyle (gave 4lb) with Prince Echo (level), early speed, last of 7. Newmarket, Oct 15, 7f, good. Noalto (8-13) strong run from 2f out to lead last 100y, won by 1l, 5l from Motavato level) pulled hard, led 3f out, no extra when headed, and Havoc (level), with Cut Throat (rec 6lb) no real progress last ¼m. 8 ran. Leicester, April 24, 7f, firm. The Wonder (9-4) never going well, virtually tailed off behind Lancastrian (rec 2lb). 4 ran. Longchamp, April 4, 1m 2f, heavy. Previously, (9-0) easily, won by 3l, sh hd from Vargas Llosa (level) and Lou Piguet (level. 9 ran. Saint-Cloud, March 11, heavy. Beldale Lustre (8-4) ran on final furlong, no chance with winner, 2nd, btn 4l, to Chalon (gave 2lb). 11 ran. Newmarket, May 1, 7f, good.
SELECTION Motavato.

3.30 LONDON GOLD CUP HANDICAP (£4,776: 1m 3f) (12)

402 12-0112 TRADITIONAL MISS (C Hill) C Hill 7-9-9 ....J Mercer 5
403 1100-04 FELTWELL (E Moller) H Wragg 4-9-8 ....B Raymond 10
404 1200-31 MORE HARMONY (Miss E Rigden 4-9-7 (6 ex) ....W Carson 6
405 41313-0 SPIN OF A COIN (D) (K Higson) H Price 4-9-6 ....B Rouse 2
407 14101-3 CRIMSON ROYALE (L Walkey) P Cole 4-9-5 ....T Quinn 7 7
408 40-0333 HERBIE QUAYLE (R Sangster) B Hills 4-9-5 ....S Cauthen 9
411 000-220 GOLDEN BRIGADIER (W Gredley) J Old 4-9-3 .... — 11
412 33110-0 NEPOTISM (Miss B Swire) G Balding 5-9-1 ....R Weaver 1
413 00/040- GOBLIN (J Dennis) J Bradley 7-9-0 ....R Curant 3
417 400023- MALVAN (J Bosley) R Turnell 6-7-11 ....R Fox 12
418 0000-42 KINNIGGER (J Jones) M E Francis 4-7-9 ....H Ballantine 4
419 00340-0 LA PICCOLINA (CO) (H Thomson) N Vigors 6-7-7 ....S Dawson 5 8

5 Herbie Quayle, 6 Crimson Royale, Traditional Miss, 7 More Harmony, Kinnigger, Spin Of A Coin, 8 Feltwell, Golden Brigadier, 10 Nepotism, 14 others.

4.00 WINCHESTER HANDICAP £3,947: 6f) (13)

501 4000-11 WINTER WIND (CD) (C Driver) D Kent 6-10-0 ....B Raymond 11
502 200000- GABITAT (D)(B) (B Gubby Car & Truck Rental) B Gubby 4-9-11 .... — 3
503 010-02 ANSTRUTHER (D) (Mrs P Mills) D Ringer 3-9-9 ....T Ives 12
505 110000- GAMBLERS DREAM (D) (Knightsbridge Sporting Club) D A Wilson 5-9-7 ....B Rouse 1
507 3210-34 LUCKY MAN (CD) (H Coker) P M Taylor 6-9-6 ....T Rogers 13
508 0002-01 DAVENPORT BOY (D) (Mrs D Clay) A Pitt 6-9-5 ....J Jenkinson 2
509 410-202 KATHRED (D) (G A Farndon Eng Co) R Hollinshead 4-9-3 .... — 8
510 11000-0 SANJARIDA (J Cohen) M Smyly 4-9-1 .... — 9
511 030-120 VORVADOS (D) (Miss F Gallichan) M Haynes 5-9-0 .... — 5
512 00000-0 JESTER'S BOY (D) (Astrosyn UK Ltd) C James 5-9-0 ....W Newnes 6
513 100020- SHARP VENITA (D) (A Thompkins) W Musson 4-8-11 ....J Mercer 10
514 10231-0 DUNGEON GHYLL (J Woodward) D Gandolfo 4-8-9 ....S Cauthen 4
515 00000-0 CASE HISTORY (Stratton Ind & Timber Services) R Hannon 4-7-7 ....A McGlone 5 7

9-2 Vorvados, 6 Kathred, Winter Word, Davenport Boy, 8 Lucky Man, 10 Anstruther, 12 Gabitat, Dungeon Ghyl, Gamblers Dream, 16 Sanjarida, 20 others.

4.30 SHAW STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £3,338: 1m 3f) (21)

601 30430- AFFILIATION OORDER (P Pegg) P Cole 9-0 ....R Weaver 11
602 0 ARISTO TREAT (R Tikkoo) G Hunter 9-0 ....A McGlone 5 14
603 0-02 BREVET (Lord H de Walden) P Walwyn 9-0 ....DOUBTFUL 9
608 DEROULEDE (J Morrison) J Tree 9-0 ....S Raymont 10
609 DIDIER (Lady Fairhaven) J Bethell 9-0 ....P Winter 20
610 0-2 DIMITRI (Lord Carnarvon) G Nelson 9-0 ....B Rouse 18
615 00- GUEST SPEAKER (J Austin) G Harwood 9-0 .... — 19
616 0000-00 HANABI (R Bridge) W Wightman 9-0 ....T Rogers 16
617 0- HARRY HASTINGS (A Ward) G Harwood 9-0 .... — 17
619 0000-00 HOLYWELL BAY (Holywell Bay Publicity) R Hannon 9-0 ....R Wernham 4
623 KOTOR (H Joel) H Candy 9-0 ....W Newnes 5
625 00-00 MERCREDI (J Radford) J Holt 9-0 ....G Ramshaw 13
626 0- OPEN DAY (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 9-0 ....W Carson 12
627 0- ROCK BALLET (S Niarchos) P Walwyn 9-0 .... — 3
628 0 SECTORI (Lady Beaverbrook) M Jarvis 9-0 ....B Raymond 6
629 0-04 TOP CREATOR (Sir E Harrison) B Hills 9-0 ....S Cauthen 21
630 00-2 UPLANDS PARK (Uplands Park Stud) C Brittain 9-0 ....R Curant 2
631 00- WORK MATE (S Weinstock) W Hern 9-0 ....B Proctor 8
632 0-2 DOUBLE SHUFFLE (D Sieff) G P-Gordon 8-11 ....T Ives 15
635 0 ROLLFAST (Mrs M Lequime) J Dunlop 8-11 ....N Dawe 7 1
638 00- SILVER MANTLE (H Joel) H Cecil 8-11 ....J Higgins 7

7-2 Double Shuffle, 4 Open Day, Sectori, 6 Top Creator, 12 Affiliation Order, Dimitri, Uplands Park, 16 others.



Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
2.0 Annie Edge. 2.30 Prince Bee. 3.0 Motavato. 3.30 Crimson Royale. 4.0 Davenport Boy. 4.30 Open Day.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.30 Critigue. 3.0 Noalto. 3.30 Feltwell. 4.0 Anstruther. 4.30 Double Shuffle.

Newbury results yesterday

Going: good to firm

2.00 (2 00) A MATCH (£1,500 a side: 1½m)
TURN BACK THE TIME, b c by Youth — Topolly (R Sangster) 4-9-7 W Carson (4-5 fav) 1
Rekal .... (11-10) 2
TOTE Win: 17p B. Hills at Lambourn. 2m 08 31s

2.20 (2 24) HUGH WILLIAMS STAKES (2-y-o £2,560: 5f)
ARAGON b c by Mummy's Pet — Ica (J Eccoin) 8-11 J Reid (8-1) 1
Bold Bob 2
Carabin 12-1 3
TOTE Win: 72p; places, 23p, 13p, 19p. Dual F £1.10. CSF: £1.84. J. Dunlop at Arundel. 4l, sh. hd. Ridge Heights (9-4) 4th. 10 ran.

2 50 (2.51) GOLDEN EAGLE HANDICAP (3-y-o. £3,236: 1½m)
AMBIANCE br c by Three Legs — Ambient (v Rasbin) 8-7 B Raymond (9-1) 1
Cashel Prince .... G Starkey (5-4 fav) 2
Percase .... W Newnes (7-2) 3
TOTE Win: 49p; places 15p, 14p, 13p. Dual f: 87p. CSF: £2.05. M Jarvis at Newmarket. 2l, 2l, Layal (12-1) 4th. 9 ran. 2m 32.85s.

3 20 (3.21) SIR CHARLES CLORE MEMORIAL STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £8,012: 1¼m)
ZINZARA b f by Stage Door Johnnie — Old Gypsy (Sir P Oppenheimer) 8-12 P Eddery (5-2) 1
Dreaming Away .... J Matthias (12-1) 2
Hola Ruler .... W Carson (7-2) 3
TOTE Win: 33p; places: 16p, 19p, 15p. Dual f: £1.14. CSF: £3.27. H Wragg at Newmarket. 2½l, 2½l. Current Pattie 15-8 fav. Oxslip (13-2) 4th. 8 ran. 2m 06.05s.

3.50 (3.51) ULTRAMAR HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,268: 7f 60yds)
VIDEO KING b c by Blue Cashmere—Florentin (Mrs G Maloney) 7 11 car (7 12) W.Carson (9-2) 1
Mauritzfontein .... W Newnes (8-1) 2
Hinorre .... B Rouse (13-2) 3
TOTE: Win:- 37p Places: 14p, 14p, 18p. Dual Forecast: 95p. CSF £4.13. C Brittain at Newmarket. sh hd, 2½l. Dandana 4-6 fav. Bumbeck (33-1) 4th. 1m 28.93s 8 ran. N.R. Barooq.

4.20 (4.24) CHARITY DAY STAKES (2-y-o selling: £2,883: 5f)
FLINDERS RANGE ch c by Native Bazaar—Hedonist (G Bosley) 8 11 P Eddery (6-4 fav) 1
Eros .... P Howard (10-1) 2
Dido .... (11-4) 3
TOTE: Win:- 15p Places: 11p, 15p, 11p. Dual Forecast: 31p. CSF £1.74. R Hannon at Marlborough. 3l, 2l. Super Warrior (13-2) 4th. 8 ran 1m 04.18s Brought in 3,000 guineas.

4.50 (4 53) ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST STAKES (3-y-o: £3,883: 6f)
JACQUINTA b f by Habitat—Jacinth (Sir K Butt) 9-1 G Baxter (2-5 f) 1
Battle Hymn .... G Starkey (7-2) 2
Boldie .... J Reid (10-1) 3
TOTE: Win: 15p. Places: 10p, 14p, 12p. Dual F: 13p. CSF: 21p. B Hobbs, at Newmarket. Nk, 4l. Smiling Laurel (50-1) 4th. 14 ran. 1m 12.17s NR: Hunting Lad. TOTE DOUBLE: Zinzara and Flinders Range £9.85. TOTE TREBLE: Ambiance, Video King and Jacquinta £16.05. JACKPOT: £1,261.50. PLACEPOT: £5.10.

Newmarket results

Going: good to firm

2.30 (2.34) IT 82 STAKES (3-y-o: selling: £1,800: 1m)
TWICE LUCKY, b f by Condorcet — Fortuity (G Bates) 8-4 ....E Guest (33-1) 1
ATS Prince .... (4-1) 2
Polemistis .... (33-1) 3

Newmarket

Tote Double: 2.30, 3.35. Treble: 2.00, 3.05 and 4.10
[Television (ITV): 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30 races]

1.30 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS STAKES QUALIFIER (3-y-o maidens: £3,684: 1m) (23)

1 44 BERENSON Sheather 9-0 ....R Cochrane 11
3 0-0 GUERRIER Houghton 9-0 ....J Reid 8
4 0-03 HEART OF STEEL Albina 9-0 ....A Murray 22
6 000-0 LEIOTRICHOUS Brittain 9-0 ....P Bradwell 5 7
7 00-0 LIBERTY WALK J Winter 9-0 ....G Baxter 10
8 03 LOOKING GLASS (B) O'Gorman 9-0 ....G Saxton 20
9 0 MALAPERT Cumani 9-0 ....J Matthias 6
10 MANISH Toller 9-0 ....C Nutter 15
11 00 MANX SWALLOW Hollinshead 9-0 ....S Perks 13
12 MONIAR P Walwyn 9-0 ....P Cook 14
13 2-0 OFF THE HOOK Harwood 9-0 ....G Starkey 17
17 0-0 ROSSETT Toller 9-0 .... —1
19 000- TUNKU Armstrong 9-0 ....P Tulk 3
20 00- ADDISON'S JUBILEE Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ....G Duffield 1 8
22 0 CACHUCHA Haslam 8-11 P Perkins 4
24 0-0 FIELD LADY Hills 8-11 ....R Hills 5 9
25 0000- HARLESTON LASS Blum 8-11 .... —16
26 00-2 OFF THE REEL Hindley 8-11 ....B Taylor 12
27 POMPONETTE M Jarvis 8-11 ....M L Thomas 19
28 RED RUFFLES Hanbury 8-11 ....W R Swinburne 23
30 00- BELLE Spares 8-11 ....W Goldsborough 7 2
31 0 THE BUSINESS Haslam 8-11 ....B Jago 5
32 23- WINTERGRACE Cecil 8-11 ....N Day 3 21

7-2 Berenson, 4 Wintergrace, 6 Off The Hook, Looking Glass, 7 Off The Reel, 8 Heart of Steel, 10 Moniar, 12 Guerrier, 20 others.

2.0 HOLSTEN EXPORT LAGER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £4,038: 1¼m) (9)

2 10-0 ACSTATIC Stoute 9-7 ....W R Swinburne 5
4 100-1 TULSA FLYER Cole 9-0 ....J Reid 1
5 0-111 FREE PRESS (D) I Balding 8-13 (5 ex) ....J Matthias 6
6 200-4 RAZOR SUN Hills 8-12 ....R Hills 5 7
9 310-4 PORTETTE Spares 8-8 ....M L Thomas 8
10 3-110 TAWFIC Thompson Jones 8-8 ....P Cook 9
12 2212 BRADY Ryan 8-7 ....D Mckeown 5 2
13 020- FRENCH SCRIBE Hindley 8-4 ....M Hills 5 4
16 00-00 KRISTALLINA A Bailey 7-13 .... —3

9-4 Free Press, 11-4 Tulsa Flyer, 9-2 Ackastic, 6 Brady, 8 Tawfic, 10 Razor Sun, 12 French Scribe, 16 others.

FORM: Ackstatic (9-7) never nearer, 7th, beaten 6½l to Warri (rec 16lb), 11 ran, Epsom April 22, 1¼m firm. Tulsa Flyer (8-5) took lead 300yds out, ridden out, won 2l, ½l from African Pearl (gave 2lb) and Svalbard (gave 4lb). 8 ran, Brighton April 26, 1m firm. Free Press (8-10) came from way back to lead final furlong, quickened well, won ¾l, short head from Lion City (rec 12lb) and Belanchine (gave 9lb). 11 ran. Haydock May 1, 1m 2f 131yd, firm. Razor Sun (8-3) ran on well final quarter mile, 4th, beaten 1½l to Suggestive (rec 3lb). 10 ran. Epsom April 20, 1m ½f, good to firm. Brady (9-6) late progress, ran on strongly, 2nd, beaten neck, to Bold Hawk (rec 8lb). 19 ran. Windsor May 10, 1m 2f 22yds, good.
SELECTION: Brady.

2.30 HOLSTEN DIAT PILS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £8,740: 6f) (13)

2 1114- CUSTER (D) Cecil 9-7 ....B Taylor 4
3 1334- ADMIRAL'S PRINCESS Cole 9-2 ....J Reid 6
4 11-0 NOT FOR SHOW (CD) Harwood 9-1 ....G Starkey 2
6 130-0 DAWN KITTY (D) Thompson Jones 8-13 ....R Hills 5 10
7 0-024 NEVER TALK A Jarvis 8-11 ....S Jarvis 5 13
9 100-0 BOLD FORT (CD) Hollinshead 8-10 ....S Perks 9
11 102-0 EL MANSOUR (D) Gaselee 8-10 ....W R Swinburn 12
12 1110- CELESTIAL CITY (C) Cecil 8.7 ....N day 3 5
14 0-041 ON RETURN Hills 8-7 (7 ex) ....M Hills 5 7
15 213-3 WELSH PARTNER (D) Thompson Jones 8-2 ....P Cook 1
18 1330- CELESTIAL DANCER (D) Hide 7-9 ....C Nutter 3
22 0210 FOUR FOR MUSIC (B) (D) Haslam 7-7 (7 ex) ....B Jones 5 8
25 3120 BLUE EMMANUELLE Callaghan 7-7 .... —11

4 Four For Music, 6 Welsh Partner, 7 Never Talk, 8 Not For Show, Custer, 10 On Return, 12 El Mansour, Admiral's Princess, Dawn Ditty, 16 Bold Fort, Celestial City.

FORM: Custer (9-3) never dangerous, 4th, beaten 8l. to Sandhurst Prince (level), Admiral's Princess (gave 3lb) 3rd, btn 6l. 6 ran, Kempton September 4th, 6f good to firm. Admiral's Princess: see Custer subsequently (8-8) weakened close home, 4th, beaten 2½l to Top Hope (level). 9 ran, Newmarket October 16, 7f good Never Talk (9-2) always prominent, no extra under pressure inside distance, 4th, beaten 1½l, head, head, to Susarma (gave 14lb). 14 ran. York May 11, 6f firm. El Mansour (9-2) showed good speed for 4 furlongs when not in first 9 of 13 to Match Winner (gave 2lb) at Newmarket 7f April 14. Previously: (9-5) showed good speed, hampered twice inside final quarter mile, ran on well, 2nd, beaten ¾l to Ten-Traco (rec 23lb) 11 ran. Ascot September 26, 6f soft. On Return (8-12) ran on gamely, won head from Carreg Cennen (rec 17) 8 ran, Bath May 8, 5f 187yds, firm. Welsh Partner (8-7) one-paced from 2 out, 3rd, beaten 4½l to Full Extent (gave 10lb). 5 ran. Thirsk April 17, 1m, firm.
SELECTION: El Mansour.

3.05 GINISTRELLI HANDICAP (3-y-o selling: £1,856: 7f) (17)

1 000- RAIN DANCER W O'Gorman 9-7 ....M L Thomas 7
3 0-02 HILL'S GUARD Stoute 9-3 ....W R Swinburne 3
4 0-022 RARFY JAMES (B) Huffer 9-3 ....G Starkey 2
6 00-00 KATRICK Smyth 8-12 ....G Dickie 7 1
8 0-030 TAI LEE R Williams 8-10 ....R Cochrane 17
9 00-00 PENSEUR Hanbury 8-7 ....K Fretwell 7 9
10 0040 LETSGOMO Richmond 8-7 ....J Reid 4
11 0-000 UP TEMPO Hide 8-7 .... —12
14 0013 BLUEWITCH (D)(B) Young 8-6 ....N Day 3 11
15 4-003 BUD'S GIFT G Balding 8-3 ....W Higgins 8
16 020-0 RELKILIA Callaghan 8-1 .... —16
17 0042 ON THE SPOT Brittain 7013 ....P Bradwell 5 13
18 4040- GILLIE'S PRINCE Rohan 7-13 ....D Maitland 15
19 40-04 CHICANERY T Marshall 7-12 ....D McKay 10
20 000-0 APOLLO DANCER (B) Haslam 7-11 ....R Hills 5 14
22 00-00 BUCKTON Holden 7-10 ....R Still 5
23 000- VAIN DEB Haslam 7-8 ....B Jones 5 6

9-4 Hill's Guard, 100-30 Rarfy James, 9-2 On The Spot, 6 Bluewitch, 8 Bud's Gift, 10 Tai Lee, 12 Chicanery, 16 others.

3.35 FELIX LEACH STAKES 2-y-o: £2,723: 5f) (5)

1 231 CUBIC ZIRCONIA (D) R Williams 9-4 ....R Cockrane 2
2 3 BLACK COBRA Morley 8-11 ....G Duffield 4
3 HAVE BLESSED Brittain 8-11 ....G Starkey 5
4 QUITE A NIGHT Hobbs 8-11 ....G Baxter 3
5 SAYF EL ARAB W O'Gorman 8-11 ....M L Thomas 1

11-10 Quite A Night, 3 Sayf El Arab, 9-2 Black Cobra, 7 Cubic Zirconia, Have Blessed.

4.10 MATTHEW DAWSON STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £2,876: 1¾m) (15)

2 0 CROWN COUNSEL Felden 9-0 ....S Parr 5 4
3 00-02 FITZPATRICK P Walwyn 9-0 ....G Baxter 11
5 02-4 HAWAIIAN HEIR Cole 9-0 ....J Reid 14
6 2 HIS TURN Stoute 9-0 ....W R Swinburn 9
7 4 KALIFI Cecil 9-0 ....N Day 3 10
8 00- KOMATCH Hindley 9-0 ....M Hills 5 2
11 00-3 MORNING AFTER Harwood 9-0 ....G Starkey 8
12 0-43 MUSLAB Thomson Jones 9-0 ....P Cook 7
16 RAMPANT Brittain 9-0 ....P Bradwell 5 3
17 040-0 SCOTT'S ENTERPRISE R Williams 9-0 ....R Cochrane 5
19 000- SKYRAM Morley 9-0 ....G Duffield 12
22 00-43 CLUB CLASS Hindley 8-11 ....B Taylor 1
23 0-400 IDYLLIC GLEN W Marshall 8-11 ....D McKay 15
24 0 RIBERA Cumani 8-11 ....J Matthias 6
26 STARS AND STRIPES M Jarvis 8-11 ....M L Thomas 13

3 His Turn, 7-2 Club Class, 9-2 Kalifi, 7 Morning After, 8 Fitzpatrick, 10 Muslab, 12 Hawaiian Heir, 14 Komatch, 20 others.

Newmarket selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Wintergrace. 2.0 Free Press. 2.30 Not For Show. 3.05 Rarfy James. 3.35 Quite A Night. 4.10 Fitzpatrick.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Wintergrace. 2.0 Acstatic. 2.30 Celestial Dancer. 3.05 Rarfy James. 3.35 Quite A Night. 4.10 Club Class.

Newcastle

Tote Double: 2.45 and 3.45. Treble 2.15, 3.15 and 4.15
[Television (ITV): 1.45, 2.15, and 2.45]

1.45 BLANCHARD STAKES (2-y-o maidens: £2,222: 5f (10 runners)

1 2 ARROWOOD BOB (R Smith) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 ....M Rimmer (3) 2
2 BALI MILL (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 9-0 ....P Kelleher 4
4 BOYD'S PRIDE (H Ford) T Craig 9-0 ....S Webster 1
7 HADI'S HOPE (Sheikh Mohammed) M H Easterby 9-0 ....K Hodgson (5) 10
8 HAND OF THE LAW (Mrs M Haggas) J W Watts 9-0 ....N Connorton (3) 5
9 0 HIGH IMP (E Lovelock) G Toft 9-0 ....K Leason 8
11 0 RAPID BEAT (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 9-0 ....G Skeats 9
12 RED CEDAR (Dalesida Nurseries) T Fairhurst 9-0 ....R P Elliott 3
13 SEED MERCHANT (Mrs A Sigsworth) M W Easterby 9-0 ....K Darley 7
15 03 GODSRUN (Mrs S Shally) Mrs M Nesbitt 8-11 .... — 6

7-4 on Arrowood Bob, 5 Godsrun, 6 Hadi's Hope, 10 Bali Mill, 12 Hand of the Law, 14 others.

2.15 P.T.S. RACING HANDICAP (£5,584: 7f) (4)

1 3/00-03 DOC MARTEN (R Griggs & Co Ltd) A Hide 4-10-0 ....N Vaughn (7) 3
2 00000-3 PAULAGER (D) (A Snipe) M H Easterby 4-8-9 ....K Hodgson (5) 1
3 3221-04 SECRET GILL (D) (W Barker) Miss S Hall 5-8-13 ....N Howe (5) 2
5 004420- AZAAM (DB) (S Marsh) R Fisher 4-8-9 ....N Connorton (3) 4

11-10 Doc Marten, 15-8 Paulager, 9-2 Secret Gill, 8 Azaam.

2.45 XYZ HANDICAP (3-y-o: £11,860: 1¼f) (8)

2 211-004 MEEKA GOLD (C Rowe) S Norton 9-7 ....C Olivier (5) 8
5 113-312 CORDITE SPEAR (P Locke) G Harwood 8-12 ....A Clark (3) 1
7 0021-14 WIBIS RANGE (C) (Widerange Ltd.) M Naughton 8-12 ....N Connorton (3) 6
10 0000-31 WARRI (D) (Mrs J Hobby) D Arbuthnot 8-8 (6 ex) ....E Johnson 4
11 0-130 STEEL VENTURE (A Maycock) B Hills 8-5 ....R Street 3
12 1200-00 HIGH PORT (E Lovelock) G Toft 8-3 ....K Leason 7
13 600-32 CROSSWAYS (E Moller) H Wragg 8-3 ....B Crossley 2
16 0000-0 BEL HARBOUR (B) (M Fine) P Kelleway 8-1 ....K Darley 5

5-4 Crossways, 9-2 Cordite Spear, 6 Meeka Gold, 7 Steel Venture, 8 Warri, 12 Wibis Range, 14 others.

FORM: Meeka Gold (8-12) made running, one pace from distance, 4th, beaten 2½l to Ivano (level). 11 ran. Chester. May 6. 1m 2f 85y. good. Cordite Spear (8-8) every chance final furlong, ran on 2nd, beaten ¾l to Spanish Pool (gave 10lb). 12 ran. Sandown. April 24. 1m. Firm. Wibis Range (9-1) no headway final 2f. 4th. beaten 8l to Video King (rec 22lb). 12 ran. Newmarket. April 30. 1m. Good. Crossways (8-9) squeezed for room distance. Hard ridden, ran on, 2nd, beaten 1l. to Electric (level) and cannot be opposed at the weights. 8 ran. Ascot. April 28. 1m 2f, good to firm.
SELECTION: Crossways.

3.15 RIDSDALE STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £1,640 5f) (6)

1 0 COUNTRY MONARCH (B) (S Wong) B Hanbury 8-11 ....R Lines (5) 4
4 01 PHILPET (D) (Mrs M Morley) T Fairhurst 8-11 ....R P Elliott 5
7 432 ORANGE ROSE (J Ward) G Toft 8-8 ....K Darley 2
8 1033 RED SKY ROSE (D) (A Piersall) R Williams 8-8 ....E Johnson 3
9 342 SILVER RIBBON (B) (S Mullineaux) J Berry 8-8 ....L Charnock 3
10 423 SUTTY'S GIRL (B) (Mrs L Marton) K Stone 8-8 .... — 1

5-2 Silver Ribbon, 7-2 Philpet, 4 Orange Rose, 5 Red Sky Rose, 6 Sutty's Girl, 12 Country Monarch.

3.45 HENSHAW STAKES (£1,934: 1½m 60yds) (5)

3 0/ BROKEN BONDS (J Burke) M Naughton 5-9-7 .... — 5
6 0-21 IMPLICATION (A Ward) G Harwood 3-8-10 ....A Clark (3) 2
11 043-33 MASTER BOATMAN (Sir P Oppenheimer) H Wragg 3-8-5 ....B Crossley 1
13 SANDCRACKER (O Wosskow) J Etherington 3-8-5 ....L Charnock 3
16 042-0 THE RED DUKE (Gp Capt C Collingwood) R Peacock 3-8-5 ....E Johnson 4

4-6 Master Boatman, 7-4 Implication, 7 The Red Duke, 20 others.

4.15 EARSDON HANDICAP (Apprentices: £939: 1m) (9)

2 2100-00 ARCHIMBOLDO (W A Stephenson) W A Stephenson 4-9-7 ....G Clark (5) 6
4 00-0000 BRETTON PARK (A Brook) S Norton 4-9-8 ....A Sykes (5) 1
10 21040-4 PRIONSAA (Lady Wolr) W H Williams 4-8-1 ....I Dixon (5) 5
11 04004-2 HOTWAVE (W Barker) Miss S Hall 4-8-1 .... — 2
12 402200- PAUSE FOR THOUGHT (M Kellett) Denys Smith 5-8-1 ....D Leadbitter (5) 7
13 000-003 CIMARRON (Dr G Fairs) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-0 ....S P Griffiths (5) 3
15 11000-0 ESSAM (DB) (J Poole) A Hide 4-7-9 ....K Williams 9
17 00-3400 PRINCE OF LIGHT (D) (Denys Smith) Denys Smith 10-7-7 ....J Carr (5) 8
21 400000- SALLAMETTI (Mrs J Scott) W Bentley 4-7-7 ....J Blake 4

9-4 Prionsaa, 3 Hotwave, 4 Essam, 6 Archimboldo, 7 Cimarron, 10 Pause For Thought, 14 others.

Newcastle selections

By Michael Seely
1.45 Arrowood Bob. 2.15 Azaam. 2.45 CROSSWAYS is specially recommended. 3.15 Sutty's Girl. 3.45 Master Boatman. 4.15 Essam.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Arrowood Bob. 2.15 Doc Marten. 2.45 Crossways. 3.15 Red Sky Rose. 3.45 Master Boatman. 4.15 Essam.

Saint-Cloud today

PRIX CLEOPATRE (Group III) (3-y-o fillies: £14,652: 1m 2½f)

-314 REIKO 8-11 ....G Doleuze
113 ZLATAIA 8-7 ....G Guignard
-13 SPALACHEE 8-7 ....F Head
-1 UNKNOWN LADY 8-7 ....J-L Kessas
1-20 BALANCE 8-7 ....M Philipperon
1-42 PARADISE 8-7 ....J-C Desaint
0-14 VASDA 8-7 ....C Asmussen
-01 FAST ARMADA 8-7 ....Y Saint-Martin
1-0 RATTLE 8-7 ....G Dubroeucq
23-1 RADIANCE 8-7 ....A Gibert
4-10 TARMINA 8-7 ....S Gorli
1-3 CHARMIR 8-7 ....H Samani
-000 MAC RHEFNA 8-7 ....J Dupin

Reiko, 5 Zalatala, 11-2 Unknown Lady.

Longchamp, tomorrow

PRIX LUPIN (Group I) (3-y-o: £45,788: 1m 2½f)

3-14 ALFRED'S CHOICE 9-2 ....G Doleuze
2-42 TAMPERO 9-2 ....M Philipperon
0-20 EPOC CHANCE 9-2 .... —
-12 WELSH TERM 9-2 ....F Head
20-0 ACADEMIC 9-2 ....A Badel
431 TERSON 9-2 ....A Gibert
11-1 SHARP SINGER 9-2 ....A Lequeux
-01 GARIBALDI 9-2 ....G Dubroeucq
0-21 PERSEPOLIS 9-2 ....L Piggott
1-21 LE MONASTERE 9-2 ....S Gorli

7-4 Sharp Singer and Academic (coupled). 5-2 Persepolis, 4 Tampero.

Warwick NH

6.0 BARFORD HURDLE (Selling: £606: 2m) (8 runners)

1 000 ROSEY COVERT 6-11-13 .... —
3 23p LEAM LORD 6-11-8 ....Brennan
7 0p0 RUSH BRIDGE 6-11-8 .... —
9 0 BONNIE HUE 5-11-7 ....Stronge
15 4 CEREMONIOUS 4-11-0 ....Townend
16 402 CITY LINK STAR 4-11-0 ....Caplan
17 4pp CYPRUS GARDEN 4-11-0 ....Dever
20 p0p NEVER ENOUGH 4-11-0 ....Grimes

2 Rush Bridge, 11-4 Ceremonious, 5 Rosey Covert, 6 City Link Star.

6.30 ALDERMINSTER CHASE (Handicap: £1,458: 2½m) (10)

1 231 QUEENSLAND 10-11-11 ....P Richards
3 002 BALLYBUTLER 10-11-6 ....Mr Crozier
4 u40 DOUBLE CROSSING 9-11-6 ....Reilly
6 634 BALLYSPILLANE 8-11-6 ....Mr Bradstock 7
7 0pl MR GUMBOOTS 8-11-6 ....Smith Eccles
9 040 ZELDA'S FANCY 7-11-0 ....Gracey
11 000 ECHO SUMMIT 10-10-12 ....Candy
15 024 COLE PORTER 7-10-9 ....McCourt
17 0-pf WOODY WOODPECKER 8-10-6 ....A Webber
18 p03 CLEVER PRINCE 11-10-0 ....Carvill

11-4 Mr Gumboots, 3 Queensland, 4 Ballybutler, 8 Double Crossing.

7.0 SPRING CHASE (Novices: £832: 2m) (10)

2 030 BELLA DIPINTA 6-11-7 ....Carvill
3 po4 BOSSALL 6-11-7 ....McCourt
8 plu DARTING BOW 6-11-7 ....H Davies
10 0uu FENAGHY 7-11-7 ....Mooney
11 000 GLENJADE 7-11-7 ....Mr Wheeler
12 002 HAVE A JAR 7-11-7 ....Steve Knight
20 000 SUCH BLISS 7-11-7 ....Hyett
21 001 THE WURZAL 7-11-7 ....Nicholls 7
22 340 TOWN SKY 6-11-7 ....P Richards
23 000 WEAVERSLAKE 6-11-7 ....Colman 7

3 Such Bliss, 7-2 Fenaghy, 4 Have A Jar, 5 Town Sky.

7.30 WASPERTON HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,606: 2m 50) (10)

3 41u SKYLINE DRIVE 8-11-11 ....Mooney
6 201 LEADING ARTIST 7-11-10 ....McKevitt 4
8 044 LUXURIATE 5-11-7 ....Williams
10 200 LITTLE CANFORD 8-11-6 ....Francome
12 000 JADE'S DOUBLE 5-11-3 ....Keightley
17 044 PINCENTA 8-11-1 ....P Richards
26 00-0 BRAVE KID 12-10-6 ....Dever 7
33 p04 GALLANT RELIC 7-10-0 ....Hobbs
35 080 NO CAMPING 10-10-0 ....J Davies 7
37 00-0 KING CONSTANCE 9-10-0 .... —

5-2 Leading Artist, 7-2 Luxuriate, 4 Little Canford, 5 Skyline Drive.

8.0 R.M.C. GROUP HUNTERS' CHASE (Novices: Amateurs: £1,275: 3m) (8)

2 0-10 ALSIRAT 11-12-5 ....Jones 7
4 p1p VALARION 9-12-5 ....Adams 7
9 04-p GABERDAY 7-12-0 ....Webber
10 2/f0 GAULSTOWN BOY 8-12-0 ....Weston 4
14 f0-0 MIDNIGHT PANIC 10-12-0 ....Mann 7
16 204 MOUNTAIN LAD 10-12-0 ....Peckitt 7
17 PASTRY BRUSH 8-12-0 ....Chugg 4
18 022 PERSIAN PROMISE 10-12-0 ....Woolley

6-4 Persian Promise, 3 Valarion, 9-2 Alsirat, 7 Gaulstown Boy.

8.30 LEAMINGTON HURDLE (Novices handicap: £680: 2m) (8)

3 413 CORAL LEISURE 5-11-10 ....Reilly
6 103 SCOTS NOGGER 7-11-7 ....Webb
9 021 GUSTY'S GIFT 8-11-5 ....Francome
10 000 MORNING LINE 5-11-4 ....Strong 7
11 0b1 SPLICED 8-11-4 ....Stevenson 7
13 213 GOING STRAIT 5-11-3 ....H Davies
18 204 CITY LINK EXPRESS 5-10-13 ....Coyle 4
19 010 PULHAM VENTURE 5-10-12 ....McSharry 7
20 030 SIMBEAU 5-10-11 ....Gracey
23 121 LYNWOOD LADY 5-10-9 ....Muggeridge 7
25 000 HANDSOME KID 6-10-8 .... —
26 u02 SEA PENNANT 6-10-8 ....Crank
29 002 COMEDIAN 4-10-7 ....Smith Eccles
30 010 MARSHGATE 4-10-5 ....McKevitt 4
31 202 FAIR SARA 4-10-5 ....M Williams
32 030 SWEET ENCHANTMENT 5-10-4 ....J Davies 7
33 100 THE SURVEYOR 6-10-3 ....R Barry
41 301 REALES 4-10-0 ....C Brown

7-2 Gusty's Gift, 9-2 Coral Leisure, 5 Going Strait, 11-2 Spliced.

WARWICK SELECTIONS: 6.0 Rosey Covert. 6.30 Cole Porter. 7.0 The Wurzel. 7.30 Luxuriate. 8.0 Persian Promise. 8.30 Comedian.

Beverley results

Going: firm

2.15 (2.18) HOUGHTON STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £1,267: 1m)
FALCON'S HEIR b c by Accipiter—Famous Princess 9-0 P Cook (2-1 fav) 1
Foolish Ways .... N Day (16-1) 2
Countryclass Lad .... G Duffield (8-1) 3
TOTE: Win: 33p; places: 20p, 23p, 10p. Dual F: 82p. CSF: £4.06. P Cole, at Lambourn. 1½l, 2l. Devisdale (9-4) 4th. 15 ran. NR: Brandon Creek.

2.45 (2.47) LUND STAKES (Selling: 2-y-o: £707: 5f)
CELTIC BIRD b f By Celtic Cone — Bird Cherry 8-5 N Day (5-2) 1
Dragara .... J Murray (5-2) 2
Fire Bus .... P Marrin (15-8 fav) 3
TOTE: Win: 31p; places: 11p, 19p. Dual F: 47p. CSF: 93p. A Balding at Doncaster. 5l, ½l. Fast and High (14-1) 4th. 6 ran. No bid for winner.

3.15 (3.17) WATTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,444: 1¼m)
TAI FU KWAI gr g by Sagaro — Rebecca 8-8-bl G Sexton (7-4 jt fav) 1
Moonwarm .... K Leason (5-2) 2
Clock Tower .... P Kelleher (25-1) 3
TOTE: Win: 21p; 10p, 45p. Dual F: 30p. CSF: 64p. C N Williams, at Pangbourne. 2½l, 2l. Lady Lily (16-1) 4th. Parré Tida 7-4 jt fav. 8 ran.

3.45 (3.46) EVERINGHAM STAKES (Maiden: £1,048: 1¼m)
MUSICAL PRINCESS, br m by Cavo Doro—Toccata 5-8-11 P Young (12-1) 1
Britwell Lad .... G Duffield (5-1) 2
Neff .... P Kelleher (7-2) 3
TOTE: Win: £2.31; places, 65p, 16p 18p. Dual f: £2.89. CSF: £7.39. E Weymes, at Lambourn. 1½l, ¾l. Branding Iron (9-4 fav) 4th. 12 ran.

4.15 (4.17) BESWICK HANDICAP (£1,459: 5f)
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TOTE: Win: 29p; places, 11p, 21p, 29p. Dual f: 63p. CSF: £1.36. Tricast: £7.76. M W Easterby, at Sherrif Hutton. 1½l, ¾l. Blochairn Skolar (12-1) 4th. 13 ran.

4.45 (4.45) ESK HANDICAP (£1,438: 2m)
JAMSHID, b h by Dragonara Palace — Never Lonely, 5-8-2 N Carlisle (4-1) 1
Ribble Rouser .... D Nicholls (11-2) 2
Shoolarboy .... R Hills (25-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 63p; places, 21p, 26p. Dual F: £1.17. CSF: £2.65. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. 6l, 5l. High hills 7-2 fav. Cardinal Palace (9-2) 4th. 7 ran.

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Beverley

2.15 ROWLEY STAKES (3-y-o Selling: £991: 7f) (11 runners)

1 0-203 GOLDEN WILKIE Wilkinson 9-0 ....M Beecroft 7 3
6 214-0 MASHIN TIME M H Easterby 8-11 ....M Birch 8
8 00-24 CALBONG Hardy 8-7 ....W Wharton 1
9 0-032 NO DEFECT H Jones 8-7 ....M Wigham 10
11 000-0 SARAK (B) Ward 8-7 ....P Young 5
12 00-00 STRASS CHANDERLIER C Williams 8-7 ....DOUBTFUL
15 00-0 ZULU WARRIOR A Jones 8-7 ....C Dwyer 2

23 0000- PERICULO LUDUS J Harris 8-7-7 ....A Mercer 8

9-4 Saulann, 7-2 Melissa Jane, 4 Somerford Glory, 11-2 Lunar Wind, 6 Reside, 10 Eyelight, 12 Others.

4.15 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB STAKES (2-y-o Maiden: Auction: £1,389: 5f) (13)

1 0 ALBERTAT Denys Smith 9-0 ....M Fry 5 11
3 4 PRINCE CONCORDE E Carter 9-0 ....M Wood 6
5 003 YASU NAFTI Sasse 9-0 ....P Young 10
7 SIRMAL M W Easterby 8-11 ....O Gray 3
9 WELSH LOCH Stone 8-10 ....M Birch 13
10 0 ROBBOE'S PET Tierney 8-9 ....J Bleasdale 4

Beverley selections

By Michael Seely
2.15 Singularity. 2.45 Jose. 3.15 Able Albert. 3.45 Saulann. 4.15 Pamela's Jet. 4.45 Calypso Bay.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
4.45 Alex Choice.

Hereford

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."—1 St Peter 4: 10

BIRTHS

AGNEW.—On 12th May to Margie and Julian—a daughter.

BAMFORD.—On May the 12th, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Nuala (MacSwiney) and Paul—a daughter (Imelda Kathleen Lucy).

CHADWYCK-HEALEY.—11th May, to Julia and Peregrine—a son.

FRANKLAND.—On May 7th, at Kings College Hospital, S.E.5, to Mary (nee Whittaker) and Roger—a daughter (Eleanor Madeline May), a sister for Thomas.

HOUSE.—On April 9th, to Alison (nee Burkitt) and Allan — a daughter (Jennifer Elizabeth), in Nottingham.

JEAMS.—On May 12th, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Di (nee Farmer) and Andrew—a son (Matthew Thomas).

POUNDELL. — On May 14th, to Jane (nee Pickard) and James — a daughter.

SCOTT.—On April 26th, to Jocelyn and Jeremy Scott—a daughter (Sophie Prudence Fairfax).

BIRTHDAYS

PASS to Theresa Jane. Happy first birthday, darling. See you soon. Lots of love.—Daddy.

MARRIAGES

PRYOR : PAGE.—The marriage took place in Hitchin on May 14th of Mr P. M. M. Pryor, of Lannock Manor, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and Mrs B. J. Page, of Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

DEATHS

ARPEL.—Johannes, on Friday, May 7th, as a result of an accident. Beloved husband of Beryl, father of ...

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IN MEMORIAM

AGAZARIAN

Agazarian, Noel le Chevalier F/O, Royal Air Force, V.R., killed in action 16th May, 1941, Cyrenaica and Jack Charles Stanmore, F/Lt, Royal Air Force, V.R., murdered 29th March 1945, Flossenberg.

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Television and radio: Saturday and Sunday

Edited by Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.25 Open University: Nene and the 80s; 6.50 Myers Grove; 7.15 The Villa Fernesina; 7.40 Sanctions and Rhodesia; 8.05 Sorting Them Out; 8.30 Curriculum in Action; 9.05 Sorry Mate I Didn't See You: Two tests for motorcyclists (r); 9.30 Get Set for Summer: Sue Cook visits a working windmill; and behind the scene of a teenagers' magazine; 10.55 International Golf: Third round coverage of the Martini International, from Lindrick, Yorkshire (see Grandstand); 12.15 Grandstand: The line-up is: 12.20 Football Focus; 1.00 Golf: the Martini International; 1.50 Newbury Racing; 2.10 Snooker: The first eight frames of the Embassy Championship final; 2.55 Newbury Racing; 3.10 Snooker/Golf: Further coverage of the Embassy Championship and the Martini International; 3.25 Newbury Racing; 3.45 Halftime.

4.00 Grandstand: Rugby League. The Slalom Lager Premiership Trophy. The final; 4.40 Final Score.

5.10 The Dukes of Hazzard: A former convict sweeis vengence against Boss Hogg who, for once, finds the Dukes are with him and not against him.

6.00 News: with Jan Leeming; 6.10 Sports round-up.

6.15 Pop Quiz: Francis Rossi, Linda Nolan and Bev Bevan versus Roy Wood, Annabella Lu Win and Colin Blunstone. The MC is Mike Read. With some David Essex archive film.

6.45 Film: The Last Wagon (1956): Delmer Daves's western drama has Richard Widmark as the half-breed, wanted for murder, who leads a wagon train through Apache territory. The setting is Arizona in 1873. Co-starring Felicia Farr, Susan Kohner, Tommy Rettig and Stephanie Griffin. Conventional Old West adventure yarn.

8.20 The Val Doonican Music Show: Former announcer, now programme presenter Gloria Hunniford sings a song from her forthcoming album. The other guests tonight are Sky.

9.10 News. And sports round-up.

9.25 Dynasty: More about Carrington oil and the people whose lives it affects. Tonight, it looks as if political action is threatening the oil leases in the Middle East. This forces Blake (John Forsythe) to cut short his honeymoon and return hastily to Denver. As for Krystle (Linda Evans) she has a new role to play — mistress of the Carrington household.

10.10 Match of the Day: Highlights from two of today's Football League games. Also, the Goal of the Season competition.

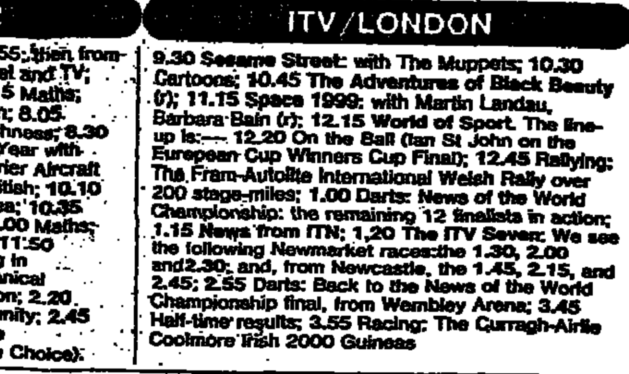
11.10 Night Music: Easy-on-the-ear music from Birmingham. Tonight, it is the turn of Roger Whittaker to sing some of his hits. His guest is Dana.

11.45 International Golf: Highlights from today's third-round play in the Martini International, from Lindrick in Yorkshire. You can see the final round tomorrow, on BBC 2, beginning at 2.45.

12.30 Weather forecast.

BBC 2

Open University (until 1.55; then from 2.20 until 3.10). The novel and TV; 6.50 Plate Tectonics; 7.15 Maths; 7.40 Poetry in Translation; 8.05 Measuring Fracture Toughness; 8.30 Music and Images; 8.55 Year with Three Children; 9.20 Harrier Aircraft Pilots; 9.45 Black and British; 10.10 Tectonics and the Red Sea; 10.35 Château and Cottage; 11.00 Maths; 11.25 Einstein's Theory; 11.50 Identity; 12.15 Computing in Electronics; 12.40 Mechanical Properties; 1.05 Navigation; 2.20 Handicapped in the Comunity; 2.45 Feedback; 3.10 Film: The Overlanders* (1946) (see Choice).



4.40 International Golf: Third round of the Martini International.

5.30 International Snooker: First session of the final of the Embassy Championship. More at 9.25 and 11.10pm.

6.30 The Not the Finger in the Bar Show: English folk club music. From Shackleford Social Centre, near Guildford: 7.15 News and sport.



7.15 Did You See . . . ? Judgment is passed on The Woman in White; Shades; and Weekend World, With Julian Symons, Ian McEwan and Dr Janet Morgan.

7.55 Washington: Behind Closed Doors. Episode 5 of this drama series about an unbalanced American president. Starring Jason Robards (as the White House incumbent) and Cliff Robertson.

9.25 International Snooker: The second session in the final of the Embassy World Championship.

10.10 Man Alive: Doctor's Code. Should badly handicapped babies be allowed to die? Should doctors put under-16 girls on the pill without telling their parents? (r).

11.00 News: with Jan Leeming.

11.10 International Snooker: the final.

11.45 The Films of Orson Welles: Touch of Evil* (1958) Thriller with Charlton Heston, as a narcotics investigator, clashing with a corrupt police chief. (Orson Welles). Welles directed the film, with many clever flourishes. Co-starring Janet Leigh and Akim Tamiroff. With (briefly) Marlene Dietrich and Zsa Zsa Gabor. Ends 1.35 am.

ITV/LONDON

9.30 Sesame Street: with The Muppets; 10.30 Cartoons; 10.45 The Adventures of Black Beauty (r); 11.15 Space 1999: with Martin Landau, Barbara Bain (r); 12.15 World of Sport. The line-up is:— 12.20 On the Ball (Ian St John on the European Cup Winners Cup Final); 12.45 Rallying: The Fram-Autolite International Welsh Rally over 200 stage-miles; 1.00 Darts: News of the World Championship: the remaining 12 finalists in action; 1.15 News from ITN; 1.20 The ITV Seven: We see the following Newmarket racecards 1.30, 2.00 and 2.30; and, from Newcastle, the 1.45, 2.15, and 2.45; 2.55 Darts: Back to the News of the World Championship final, from Wembley Arena; 3.45 Half-time results; 3.55 Racing: The Curragh-Airlie Coolmore Irish 2000 Guineas.

4.00 Sports round-up; 4.05 Report on the cancelled Sugar Ray Leonard-Roger Stafford fight; 4.15 Ice Hockey (Stanley Cup, final); 4.30 Wrestling from Croydon (world heavyweight championship) — Wayne Bridges versus Pete Roberts); 4.50 Full results service.

5.05 News from ITN.

5.15 Worzel Gummidge: a scarecrow duel is in prospect. With Jon Pertwee and Frank Marlborough (r).

5.45 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century: A vital peace conference is in jeopardy, thanks to an alien ambassador (Mark Lenard).

6.45 Success: Musical entertainment, with an emerging new singer Lisa Stansfield, from Gracie Fields's home town — Rochdale. Plus Hot Gossip and Dustin Gee.

7.1 The Cannon and Ball Show: Comedy, with David Essex as guest.

8.0 Film: Scalawag (1973) Boys Own adventure yarn with Kirk Douglas (as a distant relative of Long John Silver) taking his parrot on a hunt for buried treasure. Set in California, 1840. With Mark Lester, Leslie-Anne Down.

9.00 Film: Scalawag (continued)

9.45 News from ITN. Also, sports round-up.

10.15 Northern Lights: Romantic comedy by Alma Cullen, set against the Edinburgh Festival. With Judy Parfitt, Rick Mayall and Annette Crosbie (see Choice).

11.15 London news headlines. They are followed by:— Bizzarre. The intention is to be witty and saucy. The reality is something different.

11.45 Continental Movie: Aggression (1975) Drama made in France and directed by Gerard Pires, which has something in common with the Hollywood thriller Death Wish: It stars Jean-Louis Trintignant as the man who takes the law into his own hands when his wife and daughter are murdered by a gang of motorcyclists. Also starring Catherine Deneuve, Claude Brasseur, Philippe Brigaud and Michelle Grellier.

1.30 Close: Lady Ewart-Biggs talks about confronting disaster.

CHOICE

Judy Parfitt in Northern Lights (ITV, 10.15 pm)

● NORTHERN LIGHTS (ITV, 10.15 pm). Alma Cullen's play for Scottish Television, shows Edinburgh suffering from (a) the annual festival and (b) a minor epidemic of money fever. The festival element is hard to swallow because it culminates in a top award to a mime troupe whom I have thought would have had difficulty getting a booking in a village hall of a slack week. Where Miss Cullen's play scores is in the exploration of the cash obsessions of most of its main characters. The exceptions are the comfortably-off, middle-aged consultant doctor whose love-light has gone out and the penniless young actor who turns it on again: the performances here from the ever-dependable Judy Parfitt and an interesting actor who is new to me, Rik Mayall. I don't object to the fairy tale ending which their romance has been given. It is, after all, a comedy that Miss Cullen has written, lapsing into farce only with the mimes' antics.

● Two movies of quality on TV today: THE OVERLANDERS (BBC 2, 3.10 pm) is the work of Harry Watt, a pioneer of the British documentary film movement in the 1930s (Night Mail, North Sea) who brought to this epic wartime tale of a cattle trek across Australia the same dedication to realism he observed in his non-fiction movies. It is sometime forgotten that The Overlanders proudly flies the Ealing Studios flag. TOUCH OF EVIL (BBC 2, 11.45 pm) has a conventional enough thriller plot, but Orson Welles's influence as director, writer and actor transformed it into dynamic screencraft, even if it does sometimes go over the top.

● Radio highlights: WITH GREAT PLEASURE (Radio 4, 10.15 pm) in which Celia Johnson selected some of her favourite passages from literature, was recorded a short while before her death last month. It goes out now as a tribute to a much-loved, much-missed and much-underrated actress . . . The BBC SO concert, transmitted live from the Sydney Opera House, includes Britten's Violin Concerto (soloist: Ida Haendel) and Strauss's Till Eulenspiegel (Radio 3; 11 am).

Radio 4

6.30 News.
6.32 Farming Today.
6.50 Yours Faithfully.
6.55 Weather and Travel with Programme News.
7.00 News.
7.10 Today's Papers.
7.15 On your Farm.
7.45 Yours Faithfully.
7.50 It's a Bargain.
7.55 Weather, Travel and Programme News.
8.00 News.
8.10 Today's Papers.
8.15 Sport on 4.
8.45 Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather and Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Breakaway.
9.50 News Stand.
10.05 The Week in Westminster.
10.30 Daily Service.†
10.45 Pick of the Week.†
11.35 From our own Correspondent.
12.00 News.
12.02 Money Box.
12.27 I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue.†
12.55 Weather and Programme News.
1.00 News.
1.10 Any Questions?
2.00 News.
2.05 Play. Voice Downstairs, Ears Upstairs by David Luck.†
2.35 Medicine Now. A Report from the world of medical care.
3.05 Wildlife. Listeners' questions.
3.30 The British Seafarer. A history in 26 parts (18).†
4.15 Russian Roundabout (new series) Novelist Joseph Hone recalls travelling round the Soviet Union.
4.30 Does he take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners.
5.00 Conversation Piece. Neil Wates talks to Sue MacGregor about starting a second career.
5.25 Week Ending.†
5.55 Weather, Tavel and Programme News.
6.00 News.
6.15 Desert Island Discs. Castaway: crime writer and critic, Julian Symons.†
6.55 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson.†
7.35 Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.
8.30 Play. Long Time, No See by Joan Sadler.
9.58 Weather.
10.00 News.
10.15 Dame Celia Johnson in With Great Pleasure. A personal choice of poetry and prose by Dame Celia, recorded shortly before her death.†
11.00 Lighten our Darkness.
11.15 Stop the Week.†
12.00 News and Weather.
VHF — with 1f above except as follows: 6.24-6.30 am Weather and Travel. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather
8.00 News
8.05 Reginald Kell. Chamber music featuring the British clarinettist: Corelli, Weber, Mozart; records
9.00 News
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Record requests: Svendsen, Kalinnikov†
10.30 Music Weekly†
11.20 Cleveland Orchestra Concert. Part 1: Schubert, Dallapiccola†
12.15 Words. Talk by Janet Adam Smith (4)
12.20 Cleveland Orchestra Part 2: Hindemith†
12.55 Pascal Roge Piano recital: Beethoven, Liszt†
2.0 Nash Ensemble Chamber music recital. Part 1: Mozart, Howard Ferguson†
2.40 Interval Reading
2.45 Recital, part 2: Schubert
3.55 Teresa Cahill Song recital: Strauss, Rachmaninov†
4.30 David Hockney. The artist in conversation with Edward Lucie-Smith
5.20 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Australia. Concert, recorded on May 5. Part 1: Tippett, Brahms†
6.20 Interval Reading
6.25 Concert, part 2: Beethoven
7.20 Native Honours: Play by James Rankin†
9.00 Two Bach Cantatas for 1785: Concert†
9.50 English Hours by Henry James, selected and abridged in three parts; reading (2)
10.10 Bridge: Chamber music on record†
10.25 The Organ Works of J. S. Bach: Recital on the organ of the Domkirche; St Polten, Austria †
11.00 News
11.05 Stanford: Three partsongs†
VHF ONLY — OPEN UNIVERSITY: 5.55 am The School to Work Bridge 6.15 Theories of Art 6.35 Poetry and Drama 6.55-7.15 Anatomy of Reading 7.35-7.55 Muscle Contractions 11.20 pm Education Bulletin 11.40 Classical Greece: Painting 12.00 Politics of Ageing 12.20 am Women in two 19th-century Novels 12.40-1.00 History of Mathematics.

Radio 2

5.00am Tony Brandon.† 8.05 David Jacobs.† 10.00 Rosemary Clooney.† 11.03 Kenny's Scrapbook.† 1.00pm The News Huddlines. 1.30 Sport on 2: Football; Racing; Golf; Cricket. 6.00 Country Greats in Concert. 7.00 Jazz Score. 7.33 Big Band Special.† 8.00 Big Band Parade.† 10.00 Nordring 81. Last year's Swedish entry. 11.10 Pete Murray.† 2.00-5.00am You and the Night and the Music.

Radio 1

5.00am As Radio 2. 7.00 Wake Up to the Weekend. 8.00 Tony Blackburn. 10.00 Paul Burnett. 1.00pm Adrian Juste.† 2.00 A King in New York.† 2.05 Paul Gambaccini.† 4.00 Walter's Weekly.† 5.00 Rock On.† 6.30 In Concert.† 7.30 Close.
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BBC CYMRU/WALES 6.10-6.15 pm Sports News Wales. 12.30 am Weather. SCOTLAND 6.10-6.15 pm Scoreboard. 10.10-11.10 Sportscene. Football: Scottish League and English First Division highlights. 12.30 am Scottish news. NORTHERN IRELAND 6.10-6.15 pm Northern Ireland news and sport. 12.30am Northern Ireland news. ENGLAND 6.10-1.15 pm South-West (Plymouth): Spotlight Sport. 12.35 am Close.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Here's Boomer. 9.20 Thunderbirds. 10.10 Adventures of Black Beauty. 10.35-12.15 pm Film: (Paul Henreid. Maureen O'Hara) Spanish Main. 5.45-6.45 Incredible Hulk. 11.45 Star Parade: Bellamy Brothers. 12.45 am Closedown.

TVS
As London except: Starts 9.15 am Saturday Brief. 9.20 Sesame Street. 10.20 Sport Billy. 10.45 Space 1999. 11.45-12.15 pm Film Fun. 5.15 News. 5.20 Worzel Gummidge. 5.50-6.45 Incredible Hulk. 8.00-9.45 Film: Mr Billion (Terence Hill) Garage mechanic inherets a billion dollars—thriller. 11.15 Two of us. 11.45 Musical Special: Vivian Reed. 12.45am Company followed by Closedown.

SCOTTISH
9.20 am Vicky the Viking 9.45 Thunderbirds. 10.35-12.15 pm Film: Cardboard Cavalier* (Sid Field, Comedy set in Cromwellian times a barrow boy commissioned to deliver a Royalist letter.) 5.45-6.45 Chips. 11.45 Late Call. 11.50 Streets of San Francisco. 12.45 am Closedown.

CENTRAL
9.15 am Paint along with Nancy. 9.45 Sesame Stret. 10.45 Stingray. 11.15 Off the record: Hairct 100. 11.45-12.15 pm International bowls. 5.45-6.45 Chips. 11.45 Vegas. 12.45 am Closedown.

TSW
As London except: Starts 9.05 am Film fun. 9.30 Saturday Show. 10.30 Incredible Hulk. 11.20 Sport Billy. 11.45 Adventures of Black Beauty. 12.12 pm-12.15 News. 5.15 Newsport. 5.20 WKRP in Cincinnati. 5.45 Sale of the Century. 6.15-6.45 Mr Merlin. 11.45 Gladys Knight and the Pips. 12.40 am Postscript. 12.46 Closedown.

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 12.15pm World of Sport 5.15 Puffin's Pla(i)ce 5.20 WKRP in Cincinnati 5.45 Sale of the Century 6.15-6.45 Mr Merlin 12.40 Closedown.

TYNE TEES
As London except: Starts 9.00 Story Hour 9.55 Cartoon 10.05 Joe 90 10.30 Film: Day The Earth Caught Fire (Edward Judd, Leo McKern) Sci-fi thriller about the earth being knocked off its orbit by nuclear tests. 5.45-6.45 Chips 11.15 Monte Carlo Show: Ben Vareen 12.15 House Calls 12.45 John Paul II 12.50 Closedown.

ULSTER
As London except: Starts 10.00 am Sesame Street. 10.55 Flying Kiwi. 11.20-12.15 pm Thunderbirds. 5.00-5.05 Sports Results. 5.45-6.45 Chips. 11.15 Barney Miller. 11.45 News at Bedtime, Closedown.

BORDER
As London except: Starts 9.40 am Untamed World. 10.05 Tarzan. 10.55-11.15 Adventures of Black Beauty. 5.45-6.45 Chips. 11.15 Streets of San Francisco. 12.15 Closedown.

GRANADA
As London except: Starts 9.25 am Flying Kiwi. 9.50 Undersea adventures of Captain Nemo. 9.55 Sport Billy. 10.15-11.15 Sesame Street. 5.45-6.45 pm Chips. 11.15 Darts world knockout cup final. 11.45 Film: Dracula. 1.30 am Closedown.

HTV
9.55am Adventures of Black Beauty. 10.20 Sesame Street. 11.20 Space 1999. 12.13pm-12.15 News 5.45 Sale of the Century. 6—15-6.45 Jangles. 11.15 Place Presents: Henry Mancini. 12.15 am Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES
As HTV West except: 9.55 am-10.20 Razzmatazz. 5.15-5.45 Siôn a Siân.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: Starts 9.35 am Spiderman. 10.00 Tarzan. 10.50-11.15 Welcome Back Kotter. 5.45-6.45 Chips. 11.15 Reflections. 11.20 Film: File It Under Fear. (Maureen Lipman). Neurotic librarian believes she has the key to two cases of murder. 12.40 am Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Sesame Street. 10.00 Sport Billy. 10.25 Thunderbirds. 11.20-12.15 pm Tarzan. 5.45-6.45 Chips. 11.15 Vegas. 12.15 am That's Hollywood. 12.45 At the End of the Day, Closedown. more

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO * BLACK AND WHITE: (r) REPEAT.

BBC 1

6.25 Open University (to 8.55) The Great Rebuilding; 6.50 Civilisation of the Crowd; 7.15 Curriculum in Action; 7.40 Analysing Hyde Park; 8.05 Constructing a Model; 8.30 Government and Policy Making; 9.00 Chigley; 9.15 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan: with Greville Janner MP; 9.45 Business Club; with Tony Bianchi, formerly of ICI and Unilever (r); 10.10 Modern Language Teaching: Archbishop Michael Ramsey School, London (r); 10.35 The Engineers: Roger Munk (r); 11.00 The Skill of Lip-Reading: hearing aids (r); 11.25 Télé-Montage: Jean-Michael Folon, the graphic artist (r); 11.50 Delia Smith's Cookery Course: cream, ice cream and yoghurt (r); 12.15 This is the Day: from Bristol. The theme is guilt; 12.55 Farming; 1.25 Education Shop: maths at home (r); 1.50 News; 1.55 The Awakening Land: Part 2 of Conrad Richter's family saga about the early American settlers; 3.30 The High Chaparral.

4.20 International Air Fair: The big show at Biggin Hill. Featuring the Red Arrows and the RAF Falcons parachute team.

5.10 Sense and Sensibility: Part one (of seven) of Alexander Baron's adaptation of the Jane Austen novel. With Irene Richard and Tracey Childs as the sisters (r).

5.40 News: with Jan Leeming. And weather.

5.55 Antiques Roadshow: Arthur Negus, in Scarborough, discovers a valuable Phalbois monkey conjurer. With Hugh Scully.

6.35 Appeal: on behalf of The Church Army, by Roy Castle.

6.40 Songs of Praise: From Furneux Pelham, Herts. One of the hymn-choosers is Tottenham Hotspur player Tony Galvin. Moira Stuart talks to a mountaineer who narrowly escaped death.

7.15 Film: The Miracle Worker (1979) TV film about how Anne Sullivan (Patty Duke Astin) brought the blind, deaf and dumb Helen Keller (Melissa Gilbert) out of the dark. The story was memorably told in Arthur Penn's 1962 film, with the same title.

8.50 News.

9.05 The Good Old Days: Variety, from the City Varieties, Leeds, with Leonard Sachs as the ebullient chairman, and a bill which includes Bernard Cribbins and Barry Cryer as two Chinese acrobats.

9.55 Omnibus: Dennis Potter on the American film version of his BBC TV play cycle Pennies from Heaven. And an interview with the author and children's book illustrator Maurice Sendak, who is to design a Prokofiev opera at Glyndebourne.

10.35 Heart of the Matter: David Jessel examines some of the human issues in the Falklands crisis. First of seven programmes.

11.10 Your Mind in Their Hands: Film about the controversial mental health treatment called electro-convulsive therapy (ECT).

11.35 The Sky at Night: Patrick Moore on quasars, particularly the one which Australian astronomers have just discovered (though the discovery has been sceptically received in some quarters).

11.55 International Golf: The final moments of the Martini International. From Lindrick, Yorkshire; 12.40 Weather.

BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 1.55). The subjects range from Pathways in the Brain (6.25), Red Grouse (7.15) and Telecommunications Systems (10.35) to Chemical Processes (12.40), Sodium Chemistry (1.05) and Conquest of the Air (1.30); At 1.55: Sunday Grandstand. Between now and 6.50, there will be coverage of the final frames of the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, from the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, and of the final of the Martini Golf International, from Lindrick in Yorkshire. The golf coverage begins at 2.45, and you can see highlights on BBC 1 at 11.55. More snooker at 7.15 and 11.25, on BBC 2.

4.00 Sunday Grandstand (contd). Snooker and Golf finals.

6.50 News Review: with Jan Leeming and sub-titles.

7.15 International Snooker: The conclusion of the Embassy World Professional Championship. Highlights at 11.25 pm.

Irene Richard (left), Diana Fairfax and Tracey Childs (BBC 1, 5.10 pm)

9.00 The Woman in White: The final instalment of Ray Jenkins's dramatization of the Wilkie Collins mystery novel about a plot to deprive a young wife of her fortune. Tonight, the appalling fate of Sir Percival Glyde (John Shrapnel); and Mrs Catherick (Pauline Jameson) reveals the nature of the link between Anne Catherick and Philip Fairlie. Also, what happens to Count Fosco (the late Alan Badel) (r)

9.55 The Films of Orson Welles: F for Fake (1973) Drama-documentary about fraud and deception, focusing on the extraordinary story of the art forger Elmyr de Hory.

11.20 News: with Jan Leeming.

11.25 International Snooker: Highlights of today's final of the Embassy Championship. Ends at 12.00 approximately.

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9.05 Me and My Camera: Documentary film-making. (r) 9.35 Lost Islands: Marooned children serial. (r) 10.00 Morning Worship: From St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. 11.00 Getting On: The arthritic elderly, and how they can be helped. 11.30 Sport Billy: Cartoon. 12.00 Weekend World: Comment on the latest moves over the Falklands. 1.00 Skin: A look back over 60 editions of this series about the problems faced by black people living in Britain. The general conclusion is that conditions for the West Indian and Asian communities have deteriorated on several fronts. 2.00 Cartoons. 2.15 Police 5: With Shaw Taylor. 2.30 London news headlines. They are followed by: The Big Match. Action from three of yesterday's League games. 3.30 Chips: A Vietnam veteran tries to destroy some pesticide-spray aircraft.

4.30 University Challenge: General knowledge quiz, with Bamber Gascoigne as the question-master.

5.00 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World: Giants for the Gods. A film about Britain's huge horses, carved out of chalky hills, and other massive and anonymously crafted works. Possible answers are supplied to these riddles. (r)

5.30 Sale of the Century: The Nicholas Parsons quiz show. 6.00 News.

6.10 Appeal: On behalf of Population Services. By Rosemary Leach.

6.15 The Catholic Crisis: Two-part Credo inquiry (this is part one) into the widening chasm between the Pope and the radical reform movement that is sweeping through the Roman Catholic Church (see Choice).

7.15 House Calls: Hospital comedy series with Lynn Redgrave. Today, a weekend mountain cabin with too many occupants.

7.45 Hart to Hart: A strange call from a girl whose marriage is on the rocks. With Robert Wagner, Stefanie Powers, Alana Stewart. 8.45 News from ITN.

9.15 A Kind of Loving: Episode seven (of 10) of Stan Barstow's drama series about the love life of Vic Brown (Clive Wood). Tonight, his illusions about his mistress (Susan Penhaligon) are about to be shattered. And his wife (Joanne Whalley) receives another anonymous letter.

10.15 Tales of the Unexpected: Run, Rabbit, Run. Leslie Caron as the revenge-seeking wife of a bullying husband in war-time France.

10.45 The South Bank Show: A profile of the increasingly successful West German film director Werner Herzog whose films (clips will be shown) include Nosferatu; The Enigma of Casper Hauser; and Aguirre, Wrath of God.

11.50 London news headlines. They are followed by:—
Rock Concert: A recording of a concert which Bob Marley the master of reggae gave at London's Rainbow Theatre. Marley died a year ago this week.

1.15 Close: Lady Ewart-Biggs talks about confronting personal disasters.

CHOICE

● THE CATHOLIC CRISIS (ITV, 6.15pm), a two-part Credo special, concentrates its mind tonight on this problem: if it is true, as many ecclesiastical pundits insist it is, that the real future of the Roman Catholic Church lies with Third World nations like those in Latin America where radical priests have committed themselves to revolutionary struggle, how can this be reconciled with a conservative Pope's commitment to unity and discipline? Even the concept of sin has been redefined in, for example, Nicaragua, where the Ten Commandments no longer represent the last word. Now there is structural sin, which means anything that prevents the liberation of an entire social class. Thou shalt not go hungry; thou shalt not be unemployed; thou shalt not be deprived of your human rights. These and others, are the new Commandments in the Church of the Poor in South and Central America. In tonight's film, we meet the nun who says that, in the conditions of social deprivation in which she and her sister workers operate, prayer is not enough. They take up positions; in other words, they make a political commitment. The question that hangs in the air at the end of the film is: what will happen when the waves set up by these political/religious radicals in distant countries roll across the world and beat against the walls of the hierachy in Rome?

● THE WOMAN IN WHITE (BBC 2, 9.00 pm) writes a magnificent finis to the acting career of the late Alan Badel. Was there ever such disarming villainy as in his Fosco?

● The best on radio today: MUNGO MACKAY AND THE GREEN TABLE (Radio 4, 10.15pm) is Radio Scotland's documentary about a local coal company that dominated mining village life in Midlothian at the end of the 19th century and the first three decades of the 20th. Shades of South Wales and the iron masters . . . Solti conducts the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1, with Murray Perahia as soloist (Radio 4, 8.00pm).




Clive Wood, Susan Penhaligon: A Kind of Loving (ITV, 9.15 pm)

Radio 4

6.30 Morning has Broken
6.55 Weather and Travel
7.00 News 7.10 Sunday Papers 7.15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye 7.45 Bells 7.50 The Shape of God 7.55 Weather; Travel; Programme News
8.00 News
8.10 Sunday Papers
8.15 Sunday
8.50 Week's Good Cause. Appeal on behalf of the Girl's Brigade National Council for England and Wales
8.55 Weather, Travel and Programme News
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America
9.30 Morning Service from Walcot Methodist Church, Bath
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus
11.15 Weekend featuring Peter Skellern, and "Woman's Hour" highlights
12.00 Earthspace II. Adventure serial in space and time by James Follett (4)†.
12.30 The Food Programme
12.55 Weather and Programme News
1.00 The World This Weekend
2.00 News
2.02 Gardeners' Question Time visits County Durham
2.30 Play "The Hidden World" by Dorothy Gharbaoui
3.45 Coping With Exams. A "You and Yours" special for schoolchildren and parents
4.00 News
4.02 Round Britain Quiz 1982
4.30 The Living World
5.00 News, Travel and Programme News
5.05 Down Your Way visits Beaumaris in the Isle of Anglesey
5.55 Weather and Programme News
6.00 News
6.15 Shipwreck. The story of the expedition led by explorer Vitus Bering that discovered Alaska in 1741
7.00 Travel and Programme News
7.02 The Other Side of Silence. Serialization in eight parts of the novel by Ted Allbeury (7)†
7.30 Bookshelf.
8.00 Music to Remember. Concert: Beethoven, Wagner†
9.00 News
9.02 Never Been Kissed in the Same Place Twice. A love story in six parts by Allan Prior, set against the background of the music hall (3)
9.58 Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Odyssey: Mungo Mackay and the Green Table (see Choice).
11.00 Gates of Heaven. H Colin Davis visits Hillesden, Bucks
11.15 Inside Parliament
12.00 News and Weather
ENGLAND VHF — with lf above except as follows: 7.35 to 7.55am Open University. 4.00 to 6.00 Study on Four.

Radio 3

7.55 Weather
8.00 News
8.05 Reginald Kell. Chamber music featuring the British clarinettist: Corelli, Weber, Mozart; records
9.00 News
9.05 Your Concert Choice. Record requests: Svendsen, Kalinnikov†
10.30 Music Weekly†
11.20 Cleveland Orchestra Concert. Part 1: Schubert, Dallapiccola†
12.15 Words. Talk by Janet Adam Smith (4)
12.20 Cleveland Orchestra Part 2: Hindemith†
12.55 Howard Shelley (piano); Schubert and Chopin.
2.0 Nash Ensemble Chamber music recital. Part 1: Mozart, Howard Ferguson†
2.40 Interval Reading
2.45 Recital, part 2: Schubert
3.55 Teresa Cahill Song recital: Strauss, Rachmaninov†
4.30 David Hockney. The artist in conversation with Edward Lucie-Smith
5.20 BBC Symphony Orchestra in Australia. Concert, recorded on May 5. Part 1: Tippett, Brahms†
6.20 Interval Reading
6.25 Concert, part 2: Beethoven
7.20 Native Honours: Play by James Rankin†
9.00 Two Bach Cantatas for 1785
9.50 English Hours by Henry James, selected and abridged in three parts; reading (2)
10.10 Bridge: Chamber music on record†
10.25 The Organ Works of J. S. Bach: Recital on the organ of the Domkirche; St Polten, Austria †
11.00 News
11.05 Stanford: Three partsongs†
VHF ONLY — OPEN UNIVERSITY: 5.55 am to 7.55 and 11.20 pm to 1.00 am.

Radio 2

5.0 am Tony Brandon† 7.30 Nick Page† 9.0 David Jacobs† 11.0 Two's Best† 12.00 Desmond Carrington with Radio 2's All-time Greats† 1.30 Roy Castle† 2.00 Benny Green† 3.05 Alan Dell† 4.00 Sing Something Simple† 4.35 String Sound 5.00 Comedy Classics: "Steptoe and Son" 5.35 Charlie Chester 6.30 Strictly Instrumental 7.00 Sunday Sport 7.30 Glamorous Nights 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour 9.00 Your 100 Best Tunes 10.00 Europe 82† 11.05 Pete Murray† 2.00-5.00 am You and the Night and the Music†

Radio 1

5.0 am As Radio 2 8.00 Tony Blackburn 10.00 Rosko 12.30 pm Jimmy Savile 2.30 Studio B15 4.00 Paul Gambaccini 5.00 Top 40† 7.00 Alexis Korner† 8.00 Sounds of Jazz† 10.00 Close VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2 5.00 pm With Radio 1 10.0-5.0 am With Radio 2.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe in medium wave 648 kHz (463m) at the following times GMT:- 6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Jazz for the Asking. 7.00 World News. 7.09 News about Britain. 7.15 From our Own Correspondent. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 People and Politics. 9.45 Sports Review. 10.15 The Art of Julian Bream. 10.30 Sunday Service. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News about Britain. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Play of the Week. 12.30 Command Performance. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Commentary. 1.15 Good Books. 1.30 Short Story. 1.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show. 2.30 It Makes Me Laugh. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 From our own Correspondent. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Commentary. 8.15 Letterbox. 8.30 Sunday Half-Hour. 9.00 The Poem Itself. 9.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10.00 World News. 10.09 Science in Action. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sportscall. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Conductors' Gallery. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1.00 The Art of Julian Bream. 1.15 What Makes a Bestseller? 1.45 Two's Company. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 The Moon and Sixpence. 2.30 Music Now. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News about Britain. 3.15 They Showed Us the Past. 3.30 Anything Goes. 4.45 Words 4.50 Paperback Choice 4.55 Reflections 5.00 World News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary 5.45 The Poem Itself

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC 1
BBC CYMRU/WALES: 8.55-9.50 am Yr Awr Fawr. 9.50-10.05 Bys a Bawd. 10.05-10.35 Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 1.55-2.20 pm The Computer Programme. 2.20-3.20 Great Railway Journeys of the World. 3.20-3.50 JBG (J. B. G. Thomas looks back). 3.50-4.20 Rugby: Hongkong Sevens. 12.40 am News of Wales. Scotland: 12.55-1.25 pm Landward. 1.25-1.50 Agenda. 6.35-6.40 Donny MacLeod appeals on behalf of Museums of Scottish Tartans. 10.35-11.10 Voyager Reports. 12.40 am Scottish news. Northern Ireland: 12.40 am Northern Ireland news. England: 12.45 am Close.

TYNE TEES
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Getting On. 9.30-10.00 Me and My Camera. 11.00 Lookaround. 11.02 Sport Billy. 11.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Myserious World. 11.58-12.00 News. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Welcome Back Kotter. 2.30 Shoot! 3.30 News. 3.32 Charlie's Angels. 4.30-5.30 Little House on the Prairie. 7.15-7.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.50 Then Came Bronson. 12.45 am John Paul II. 12.50 Closedown.

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 9.05am About Gaelic. 9.30 Me and My Camera. 10.00 Full Life: Admiral Sir Frank Twiss. 10.30-11.00 Greatest Thinkers: Descartes. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Palmerstown, USA. 3.00 Adventures of Black Beauty. 3.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World. 4.00 Golfing Greats: Byron Nelson. 4.30-5.30 Scotsport. 7.15-7.45 Benson. 11.50 Scottish Conservative Party Report. 12.50am Reflections. 12.55 Closedown.

ANGLIA
As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 11.30-12.00 Me and My Camera. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Weather. 1.35 Farming Diary. 2.05 Cartoon. 2.30 Match of the Week. 3.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World. 4.00 Mork and Mindy. 4.30-5.30 Beyond Westworld. 7.15-7.45 Two of Us. 11.50 Barney Miller. 12.20am Living and Growing. 12.50 Pal??? on the Popes.

SCOTTISH
As London except: 9.05am Me and My Camera. 9.30 Friends of My Friends. 10.00-11.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Survival. 1.00pm Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00 Dinah Saur Show. 2.15 University Challenge. 3.30 Incredible Hulk. 4.30-5.30 Scotsport. 11.50 Scottish Conservative Party Conference. 12.50am Late Call. 12.55 Closedown.

GRANADA
As Thames exept: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.25 Aap Kaa Hak. 11.30-12.00 Down to Earth. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Chopper One. 1.55 Match Time. 3.00 Great Games. 3.30-5.30 Film: San Francisco. (Clark Gable; Spencer Tracy) Earthquake shortens the life of a saloon owner in 1906. 7.15-7.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.50 Cities. Berlin. 12.50am Closedown.

ULSTER
As London except: Starts 11.00am Me and My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 12.58pm News. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Build your Own Boat. 2.00-2.30 Out of Town. 3.30 Little House on the Prairie. 4.30-5.00 Survival. 7.15-7.45 Private Benjamin. 11.50 Sports Results. 11.55 News at Bedtime, Closedown.

CHANNEL
As London except: Starts 2.08 pm-2.30 Gardens for All. 3.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World. 4.00 Film: Emily Emily. Retarded teenager falls for his teacher. 5.30-6.00 Gambit. 7.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.45-8.45 Hawaii Five-O. 11.50 Great Depression. 12.50 am Epilogue followed by Closedown.

BORDER
As London except: Starts 9.30am-10.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00pm Amazing Years of Cinema. 1.30 Farming Outlook. 2.00-2.30 Wild, Wild World of Animals. 3.30 Border Diary. 3.55-5.00 Film: Nowhere to Hide (Lee Van Cleef). US Marshall is assigned to protect a mob's hitman. 7.15-7.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.30 Scottish Tory Conference Report. 12.50 Closedown.

CENTRAL
As London except: Starts 9.00 am Farming '82. 9.30-10.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Gardening Time. 1.00 University Challenge. 1.30 Here and Now. 2.00 Benson. 2.30 Star Soccer. 3.30 Film: Wuthering Heights (Anna Calder-Marshall). Emily Bronte's story of defiant young lovers. 3.30 Cartoon. 7.15-7.45 Rising Damp. 11.50 Nero Wolfe. 12.50 am Closedown.

TVS
As London except: Starts 9.30 am-10.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Joe 90. 1.00 pm Survival. 1.30 Farm Focus. 2.00 University Challenge. 2.30 Sunday Sportshow. 3.30 Last Of Summer. 4.25 Jangles. 4.55-5.00 News. 5.30-6.00 Gambit. 7.15-7.45 Private Benjamin. 11.45 News. 11.50 Lou Grant. 12.45 am Company. Closedown.

HTV
As London except: Starts 9.00 am-10.00 Sesame Street. 11.30-12.00 Me and My Camera. 1.00 pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming Diary. 2.00-2.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World. 3.30 Welcome Back, Kotter. 4.00-6.00 Film: One More Train to Rob (George Peppard, Diana Muldaur). Train robber goes in search of his share of the loot after serving a jail sentence. 7.15-7.45 Two of Us. 11.50 Bizarre. 12.20 am Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES
As HTV West except: 2.00 pm-2.30 Worzel Gummidge. 3.30-4.00 Dwy Fam.

YORKSHIRE
As London except: Starts 9.00am Getting On. 9.25 Gardening Time. 9.55-10.00 Bubbles. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30-12.00 Farming Diary. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Calendar. 2.00-2.30 Fantastic Four. 3.30 Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World. 4.00-5.40 Film: Train Robbers (John Wayne) widow asks three gunmen to help to clear her family's name by retrieving a fortune in gold. 7.15-7.45 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.50 Five Minutes. 11.55 Lifeline. 12.50 Closedown.

TSW
As London except: Starts 9.25am Sunday First. 9.30-10.00 Getting On. 11.00 Me and My Camera. 11.30-12.00 South West Week. 1.00pm University Challenge. 1.30 Farming News. 2.00-2.30 Gardens For All. 3.30 Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World. 4.00 Film: Emily, Emily (John Forsythe) Retarded teenager falls for his teacher. 5.30-6.00 Gambit. 7.15 Diff'rent Strokes. 7.45-8.45 Hawaii Five-O. 11.50 Great Depression. 12.50am Postscript. 12.56 Closedown.

Jenkins praise boosts Owen in party contest

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

Mr Roy Jenkins, foremost candidate for the leadership of the Social Democratic Party, yesterday commended the performance in the Commons of Dr David Owen, who is likely to be his sole rival in next month's postal ballot of party members.

Apperaring on Thames Television's *After Noon Plus* Mr Jenkins was asked why he had allowed Dr Owen to take the principle part for the SDP in the Commons discussion of the Falklands crisis. He replied that Dr Owen had been Foreign Secretary, knew a lot about it and had "done it very well indeed."

Mr Jenkins, who was returned in the Glasgow, Hillhead, by-election in March, added: "It takes a little time when you have been away from the House of Commons, even if you have spent most of your life there, to get back into it, to get the feel of it exactly."

Dr Owen is expected to announce his candidature, and Mrs Shirley Williams her decision to stand aside from the contest in Dr Owen's favour, at a meeting of the SDP parliamentary party at Westminster on Tuesday.

It looks like being a contest almost without a campaign. Dr Owen has told colleagues that, since the electorate consists of party members and not of the public at large, he will not seek to use the press or broadcasting to campaign, and Mr Jenkins is believed to share that view.

Instead, each candidate will be allowed to send an election address of up to 750 words to each voter with the ballot papers.

But the two candidates' colleagues believe that, unless party members have made up their minds unalterably, the advantage will lie with the candidate whose activities put him most in the public eye. Nominations close on June 11, and ballot papers have to be returned by July 2.

If the Falklands crisis continues through next month Dr Owen's supporters are confident that he will benefit because he is the party's parliamentary leader and Parliament will continue to attract attention.

Among SDP MPs Dr Owen's standing has much increased in the six weeks since Mr Jenkins took his seat and the Falklands were invaded. At that time there was pressure on him to give Mr Jenkins a clear run and not risk dividing the party. It was far from sure then that he would even have found the five MPs required to nominate him.

But since then Fr Ownen's measured contributions to the regular debates on the Falklands crisis, drawing on his recent experience at the Foreign Office, have contrasted with Mr Jenkins's enforced relative silence in the House, and clearly transformed him into a strong challenger.

'No misuse' of notepaper

Mrs Thatcher yesterday announced her satisfaction that there has been no misuse of official stationery at 10 Downing Street (Michael Horsnell writes).

Mr Denis Thatcher is said to have used notepaper headed "10 Downing Street" in replying on behalf of a company he represents to an inquiry from a football club.

In a written reply to Mr Robert Cryer, Labour MP for Keighley, Mrs Thatcher said: "Members of a Prime Minister's family who live at No 10 are properly entitled to use the address in correspondence and to make use of the informal uncrested notepaper".



Ringside view: Two spectators watching the class two pony teams' dressage event at the Royal Windsor Horse Show yesterday.

Israelis mass on Lebanon border

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, May 14

Thousands of Israeli troops equipped with heavy armour were massed on full alert along the northern border tonight as Army pressure mounted on the Government to sanction wide-scale military action against Palestinian positions in Lebanon.

It is claimed that as many as 30,000 men had been moved into position for possible instant retaliation against further Palestinian breaches of the ceasefire arranged last year.

Confirmation of the build-up came from Israel's Chief of Staff, Lieutenant-General Rafael Eitan, who said in a newspaper interview that the Palestine Liberation Organization could only be effectively weakened by a military operation and not by diplomatic means.

Within hours of the interview being published, police reported that a bomb had been defused in a telephone box in the commercial heart of Jerusalem. Israeli radio said another terrorist bomb exploded at a soldiers' hitch-hiking post in the Negev desert yesterday, causing no casualties.

Earlier, Mr Menachem Begin, the Prime Minister, said that since 1977 Israel had spent around £55m supplying weaponry to the Lebanese Christians. It was the first time the full extent of Israel's continuing assistance to the Christians had been made public.

General Eitan said in his interview that the Israeli troops moved to the border were "sitting and waiting", adding credence to reports of increased military activity in recent days. He said the PLO now realized that Israel was playing the game "according to different rules".

Although the general said he was not saying there would necessarily be Israeli military action, his remarks increased the conviction among diplomats that a push into southern Lebanon may now be imminent.

The interview was timed to coincide with growing pressure from the Defence Minister, Mr Ariel Sharon, for Cabinet backing for a military move on a larger scale than the 1978 Litani operation. It is believed his plans involve "military cooperation" with Christian militia leaders from east Beirut.

£200m more sought

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who voted in Strasbourg on Thursday against its continuing use.

In the longer term, the Government's determination to secure a permanent change in the pattern of the budget is certain to endure.

● The British condition that the present one-year offer of £450m would need a "hefty" increase in order to be acceptable is one that Brussels sources today made clear was very difficult to meet (Ian Murray writes from Brussels).

Bonn was behind the idea which led to the £450m offer being made, and Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, has made it perfectly clear to the Commission that he would not be prepared to see that figure increased in any way.

Given this intransigence over the figure by the West German Government British officials involved in the negotiations believe it would be no more difficult to pursue the search for a four or five-year deal than to try to force up the amount of money of offer for the one-year makeshift deal.

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Team guilty

Auckland.—Fourteen members of Wellington's Eastern Suburbs rugby league club were found guilty of manslaughter over the death of a motorcycle gang leader, Lester Epps. He was killed during a raid on the gang's headquarters by the sports club's members and supporters.

Priest is charged with Pope attack

From Richard Wigg
Lisbon, May 14

A dissident Spanish priest was charged here today with attempting to murder the Pope.

Juan Fernandez Krohn, aged 32, was arrested after a man armed with a bayonet approached the Pope while he was saying prayers at Fátima on Wednesday night.

According to the police, Fernandez told the investigating magistrates today he had trained for the past six months for the assault. He was alleged to have claimed that the Pope "looked furious" on hearing the priest's criticisms of his handling of the church's affairs.

If found guilty, the Spaniard faces a prison sentence of 15 to 20 years.

Stricter security by the Portuguese police was in evidence here today in preparation for this evening's open-air mass in a Lisbon Park.

Spanish National Radio reported that Mgr Paul Marcinkus, the Vatican representative in charge of security for the Pope's visit, had warned the Portuguese police to look out for Fernandez.

Speaking in the Alentejo on the third day of his visit to Portugal, the Pope today condemned the Communists' land reform put through after the 1974 revolution.

In his most political speech so far, the Pope also urged the world's industrial nations to reduce arms spending and so permit the developing countries to feed their people.

Land reform must not be an instrument for obtaining party dividends, but a reform of agriculture with the aims of "personalizing the work, respecting the liberty, autonomy, and responsible participation by the peasants", the Pope declared.

After returning by helicopter to Lisbon, the Pope met representatives of the Protestant churches together with Portugal's Jewish and Muslim communities.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Stitches Through Time: Original designs by Northamptonshire Embroiderers' Guild, Central Museum, Guildhall, Road, Northampton; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, closed Sun (from today until June 12).

The Gentle Eye: photographs by Jane Brown, Cliffe Castle, Spring Gardens Lane, Keighley; Tues to Sat 10 to 6, closed Mon and Sun (from today until July 18).

The Sadler Bequest: A selection from Sir Michael Sadler's collection, Cooper Gallery, Church Street, Barnsley; Tues 1 to 5.30, Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30, closed Mon (from today to July 4).

Last chance to see

Contemporary Australian Jewelry and recent ceramics, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh; 10 to 5 (ends today).

Screenprints, Gallery 2, Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton; 10 to 5 (ends today).

Landscape photographs by Oswald Jones, Canterbury Cathedral, 7 to 7 (ends today).

Picasso Posters, Museum and Art Gallery, Newport, Gwent; 9.30 to 4 (ends today).

Spring Exhibition, RWA Galleries, Queens Road, Bristol; 10 to 5.30 (ends today).

The World of the Microscope: photographs by Gene Cox with John Forsdyke and Kate Powell, Octagon, Milsom Street, Bath; 10 to 4.45 (ends today).

Watercolours, oil paintings and sculpture by the Hatfield Road Group, City Museum and Art Gallery, Bethesda Street, Hanley; Stoke-on-Trent 10.30 to 5 (ends today).

Painings and sculpture by Ger Van Elk, Arnolfini, Narrow Quay, Bristol; 11 to 8 (ends today).

Music

Lute recital by Christopher Wilson, Newbury Spring Festival, The Oval Room, Sandleford Priory, Newbury, 11.30.

French music concert, Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by Tornesian Guild of Singers and Orchestra, Wakefield Cathedral, 7.30.

Clarinet and piano recital, DLI Museum and Arts Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham, 2.

Rag Time Plus concert, Stamford Arts Centre, St Mary's Street, Stamford, Lincs, 8.

Chamber Choir of College of Ripon and York St John, York Minster, 8.

Concert by University of Miami Choir, St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, 12.15.

Concert by West Sussex Youth Orchestra, Chichester Cathedral, 2.30.

Norwich School Spring Concert, Norwich Cathedral, 7.30.

General

Edwardian Street Market with bands and dancing, St Michael's Way, Coventry, 10 to 6; (tomorrow 12 to 5.30).

Craft Fair, Windsor Hall, Blackburn, 10 to 4.30.

West of England Antiques Fair, Assembly Rooms, Bath, 11 to 7.

Craft Fair, Hexagon, Reading, 10 to 5.

Tomorrow

Last chance to see

Theatre architecture and designs by Frank Matcham, Wakefield Museum, 2.30 to 5.30; (ends today).

Work by Craigie Aitchison, City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road, Portsmouth; 10.30 to 5.30; (ends today).

Work by Birmingham branches of the Embroiderers Guild, Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham; 2 to 5.30; (ends today).

Talks, lectures

Science and Experience, by Dr R D Laing, The Great Hall, Dartington Hall, Totnes, Devon, 3.

Music

Piano recital by Una Hunt, Ulster Museum, Botanic Gardens, Belfast, 3.

Concert by Boyce Orchestra, Prior Place Methodist Church, Printing Office Street, Doncaster, 3.

General

Borders Vintage Agricultural Association Annual Vintage Rally, Newtown St Boswells, Borders, 10.30 to 4.30.

Traction Engine Rally, Museum of Science and Industry, Newhall Street, Birmingham; Grand Parade, 2.30; Museum open, 2 to 5.30.

Peterborough Wallace Dancers performing Highland and county dances, Belvoir Castle, Grantham, Leicestershire, 2.

Solution of Puzzle No 15,826

Solution of Puzzle No 15,831

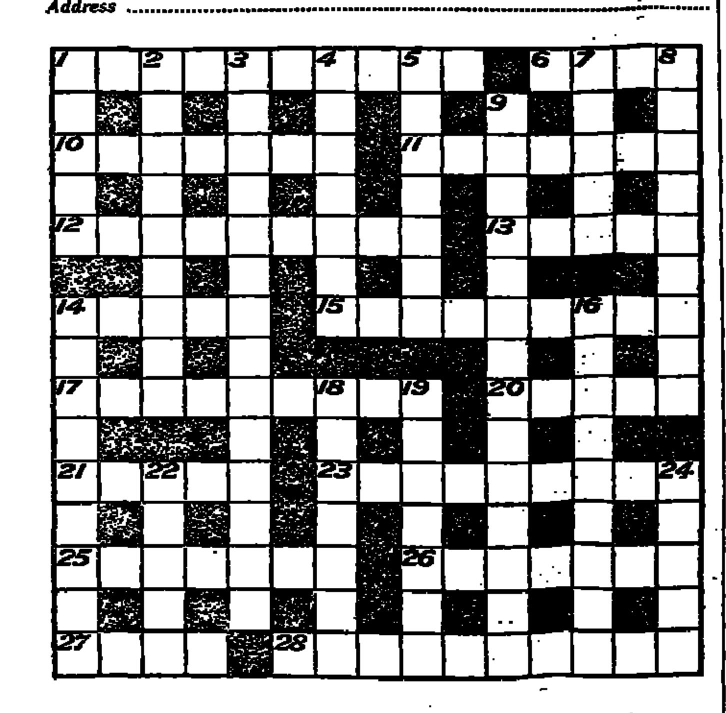
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 15,832

A prize of The Times Atlas of the World *(comprehensive edition) will be given for the first correct solution opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC99 9YT. The winner and solution will be published next Saturday.*

The winner of last Saturday's competition is Judith C. C. Torres-Smith, 228, Hoghton Lane, Hoghton, Preston, Lancs.

Name ....

Address ....



ACROSS
1 Plans here for decentralizing school? (10).
6 Absorb liquid—not, by the sound of it, too drunk (4).
10 Patience apparent in his work (7).
11 Let, but nothing's been paid yet (7).
12 Terminated arrangement without a loss (9).
13 Hang about, waiting for feathers? (5).
14 Longs for underwear (5).
15 Picture head lights out of order (9).
17 Lots leave drink unfinished outside in city street (9).
20 Park sign, a maple-tree—for one who walks here (5).
21 Gallant leaders of revolution given backing (5).
23 Offer 21 tune changes (9).
25 In port, I look back on voyage (7).
26 Ringing the changes with vegetable and fish (7).
27 A hazard to sailors—I'd say not (4).
28 Relent, very unusually and respectfully (10).

DOWN
1 Many grew old in prison (5).
2 Suddenly and simultaneously (3,2,4).
3 Adam and I (3,5,6).
4 Some have a go at me—all I need in the Land of Cakes (7).
5 Simple skill needed in bridge (7).
7 Let down when 21 has a change of heart (5).
8 Sailor about to go round and round and live in Paddington, say (5-4).
9 Squashed alpaca kaftans out east (4,2,1,7).
14 Gambler loses head and becomes a thief (9).
16 The claims he made for transmutation! (9).
18 Bill's in 22 (7).
19 Sauce in some other shape (7).
22 Express love, instead of concealing it (5).
24 Mat, a boy with no love for sport (5).

Roads

London and South-East: Tower Bridge closed to motor vehicles from this morning until 5 tomorrow afternoon. A202: Vauxhall Bridge Road closed northboundat junction with John Islip Street, diversions. Local congestion likely in Wembley because of FA Trophy final. A25/A233: Congestion likely because of Biggin Hill air display.

Midlands: A1066: Temporary signals on Diss to Thetford road at Roydon, Norfolk. M5: Lane closures between Worcester and Strensham (Junctions 7 and 8).

North: M1: Lane closures between Junctions 34 (Rotherham) and 37 (Barnsley). M6: Lane closures between junctions 33 (Fleetwood) and 35 (Carnforth). M62: Lane and hard shoulder closures between junctions 30 (Rothwell) and 31 (Castleford).

Wales and West: M4: Lane closures between junctions 24 and 25 near Newport. A38: Roadworks on Plymouth to Buckfastleigh road at Dean Prior and Lee Mill, Devon. A55: Roadworks between Chester and Ewloe.

Scotland: M8: Southbound lane closures on Kinston Bridge, Glasgow. Lane closures tomorrow on Clydeside expressway, Glasgow. A9: Lane closure on Goosecroft Road, Stirling.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Express says "there are wobblers in the Cabinet and in the Tory Party who would welcome a sell-out, particularly if it could be dressed up to look like a partial victory, but the country will recognize a sell-out when it sees one".

The BBC's reputation for objective reporting is based on the highly professional work of the overseas service, says the Daily Mail, but British news and current affairs programmes are "run by liberal trendies, infected by showbiz values, stimulating sensationalism" and diminishing objectivity.

Le Monde said yesterday that Mrs Thatcher would have gained more European support had she realized that "millions of European farmers are certainly worth a few Antipodean sheep farmers".

Foster Care Week

National Foster Care Week starts today. A "care Convoy" of cars will be travelling the country, staging fund-raising events and organizing local flag days. Donations may be sent to: National Foster Care Association, Francis House, Francis Street, London, SW1P 1DE.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.79	1.71
Austria Sch	31.10	29.10
Belgium Fr	90.75	85.75
Canada $	2.32	2.23
Denmark Kr	14.81	14.06
Ireland Pt	1.25	1.20
France Fr	11.44	10.82
Germany Dm	4.39	4.14
Greece Dr	117.00	110.00
Hong Kong $	10.90	10.30
Italy Lira	2385.00	2285.00
Japan Yn	454.00	428.00
Netherlands Gld	4.86	4.60
Norway Kr	11.32	10.72
Portugal Esc	132.00	125.00
South Africa Rd	2.38	2.22
Spain Pta	189.00	180.00
Sweden Kr	10.98	10.40
Switzerland Fr	3.71	3.49
USA $	1.88	1.81
Yugoslavia Dnr	89.00	83.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 5.4 at 590.6.

Gardens open

TODAY AND TOMORROW

Avon: Old Down House, Tockington; small formal and informal gardens — together with The Brake, adjoining; shrubs, herbaceous and bulbs; one entry fee covers both; 2 to 7. Devon: Dartington Hall Gardens, 2m NW of Totness, off A384; large landscaped garden, trees, shrubs, shop; all day.

TOMORROW

Cumbria: Stagshaw, 1m S of Ambleside, off A591; woodland garden, rhododendrons and azaleas; all day. Glamorgan: Rhoose Farm House, Rhoose, Barry, B4265; large informal garden, shrubs, herbaceous, scree garden, sculptures; 2.30 to 6. Hampshire: Jenkyn Place, Bentley; rare shrubs; 2 to 6. Spring Wood, Hackwood Park, Basingstoke; 80 acres, semi-formal woodland, interesting trees and shrubs; 2 to 6. Norfolk: College of Agriculture and Horticulture, North Burlingham, Norwich; 25 acres commercial fruit and glasshouse crops, ornamental gardens, plants for sale; 1.30 to 5.30. Shropshire: The Magnolias, Merrington, Bomere Heath, nr Shrewsbury; shrubs, azaleas, rhododendrons, greenhouses, rock and water garden, plants for sale; noon to 7. Surrey: Gorse Hill Manor, Gorse Hill Rd, Virginia Water; identified trees and shrubs, pet pony and 2 donkeys; 2 to 5.30. Sussex: Rystwood House, Forest Row; landscaped garden, rhododendrons and azaleas; 2 to 7. Warwickshire: Ilmington Manor, Ilmington, nr Shipston-on-Stour; rock and pond gardens, bulbs, plants for sale; 2 to 7. Berwickshire: Edrom Nurseries, Coldingham; alpines, scree, woodland garden; 2 to 7. Inverness-shire: Achnacarry, Spean Bridge; rhododendrons and azaleas in wild setting; 2 to 6. Perthshire: Cauldhame, Dunblane; woodland walk; daffodils, rhododendrons and azaleas; 2 to 7. Perthshire: Glendoick, Perth; world-famous collection rhododendrons and other interesting plants, wall garden, nursery; 2 to 6.

In the garden

Remove shrubs and other plants killed by the severe frosts. Where there is sill life in some branches, it may suffice to cut back into wood where growth is still active, but if branches are obviously dead when a portion of bark is scraped away, severe pruning or removal is necessary. Quick-growing hedges will need their first trimming soon.

Watch for young growths of potatoes and dahlia tubers — if there is a frost warning, draw soil over them or give other protection.

Sprouting broccoli, kales, heading broccoli (spring cauliflowers) and summer spinach may be sown now. Plant Brussels sprouts and early cauliflowers. Thin and weed rows of seedlings as soon as they are large enough to handle.

Anniversaries

Births: Klemens Metternich, Austrian diplomat, Coblenz, 1773; Pierre Curie, Paris, 1859; Arthur Schnitzler, poet and dramatist, Vienna, 1862. Deaths: Richard Wilson, landscape painter, near Llanberis, 1782; Edmund Kean, London, 1833; Daniel O'Connell, Genoa, 1847; Philip (Viscount) Snowden, Tilford, Somerset, 1937.

TOMORROW

John Sell Cotman was born at Norwich, 1782 and David Edward Hughes, inventor of the microphone and teleprinter, in London, 1831. Deaths: Charles Perrault, poet and writer of fairy stories, Paris, 1703; Jean Baptiste Fourr, French mathematician, Paris, 1830; Felicia Hermans, poet, Dublin, 1835.

Weather forecast

SE airstream will continue with a slow-moving trough of low pressure over W Britain.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, E England, E Anglia: Sunny periods, perhaps showers later, wind SE, light or moderate max temp 20 to 23C (68 to 73F).

Central S, NW, Central N England, Midlands, Channel Islands, Lake District, SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll: Sunny periods, some showers later, wind SE, moderate; max temp 20 to 23C (68 to 73F).

Wales, Isle of Man, SW England, N Ireland: Mostly cloudy, bright or sunny intervals, outbreaks if rain in places, wind mainly S light or moderate, max temp 18C (64F).

NE England, Borders, Edingurgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny periods developing, but coastal fog at times; wind SE, moderate, max temp 15 to 17C (59 to 63F), but cooler on coast.

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Unsettled, becoming cooler.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind SE, moderate; sea slight. English Channel (E): Wind mainly S, light; sea smooth or slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind mainly S; moderate; sea slight.

TODAY
Sun rises: 5.09 am Sun sets: 8.45 pm
Moon rises: 2.14 am Moon sets: 11.1 pm
Last quarter: Tomorrow

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 5.08 am Sun sets: 8.47 pm
Moon rises: 2.44 am Moon sets: 12.09 pm
Last quarter: 6.11 am.

Lighting-up time

TODAY
London 9.15 pm to 4.38 am
Bristol 9.25 pm to 4.48 am
Edinburgh 9.49 pm to 4.29 am
Manchester 9.32 pm to 4.38 am
Penzance 9.31 pm to 5.05 am

TOMORROW
London 9.17 pm to 4.36 am
Bristol 9.26 pm to 4.46 am
Edinburgh 9.50 pm to 4.27 am
Manchester 9.34 pm to 4.36 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.04 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: f, fair; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	16	61	Guernsey	s	21	70
Birmingham	s	22	70	Inverness	f	16	61
Blackpool	s	21	70	Jersey	s	24	75
Bristol	s	22	72	London	s	21	70
Cardiff	s	20	68	Manchester	s	20	68
Edinburgh	s	15	59	Newcastle	s	15	59
Glasgow	s	22	72	Ronaldsway	s	16	61

London

Max temp to 7 pm, 22C (72F); min 7 pm to 8 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 7 pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24 hr to 7 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 7 pm, 13.6 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1,021.8 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)

NOON TODAY

b—blue sky; bc—blue sky and cloud; c—cloudy; o—overcast; f—fog; d—drizzle; h—hail; m—mist; r—rain; s—snow; th—thunderstorm; p—showers; pr—periodical rain with snow. Wind speed in mph

Highest and lowest

Highest temp: Jersey, [illegible] (79F); lowest day max: St Abbs Head, [illegible]; highest rainfall: Tiree, 0.08in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Bournemouth, 13.9 hr.

Around Britain

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	[illegible]	6.2	7.12	6.1
Aberdeen	[illegible]	3.4	7.35	3.2
Avonmouth	[illegible]		12.08	9.9
Belfast	[illegible]	2.9	6.13	2.7
Cardiff	[illegible]	9.3	[illegible]	[illegible]
Devonport	[illegible]	4.3	11.09	4.4
Dover	[illegible]	5.4	4.34	5.4
Falmouth	[illegible]	4.1	10.39	4.2
Glasgow	[illegible]	4.2	6.17	3.9
Harwich	[illegible]	3.5	5.19	3.6
Holyhead	[illegible]	4.6	4.12	4.3

Abroad